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CIO 'Political Committee' To Hold Convention

Labor To Stage Big Bond Rally

Free Bonds and Dancing To Mark Civic Auditorium Program

Labor's Joint Committee for Political Action War Bond Rally, which will be staged at Civic Auditorium Jan. 8, promises to be one of the largest affairs of its kind staged in Toledo since the beginning of the war, according to members of the committee in charge of arrangements.

More than $3000 in war bonds will be given away free to the holders of the lucky tickets. Dancing to a 15-piece swing band will be the principal attraction of the evening, and it's all free. Tickets of admission are being distributed by the CIO, AFL (Teamsters Union) and Railroad unions to their thousands of members.

To Inaugurate Bond Drive

The giant bond rally will be the formal inauguration of the 4th War Bond Drive for Toledo labor. Attorney Robert C. Dunn, representing the United States Treasury Department, will speak briefly and tell the thousands of workers, their families and friends [illegible] the 4th War Bond Drive, [illegible] will be formally opened Jan. [illegible]. Atty. Dunn is a forceful and eloquent speaker who will bring to the audience a message from the Treasury Department and tell a few of the reasons why they should continue to buy more and more bonds.

War bonds amounting to approximately $3000, donated by Toledo firms and individuals will be given away free to the holders of lucky ticket numbers. Members of the Willys-Overland Federal Credit Union will type out the bonds for the winners as soon as they have been presented.

Marks Labor Unity

Principal purpose of the bond rally is to mark the beginning of labor unity between the AFL, CIO and Railroad unions, which began last fall prior to the municipal election. Efforts are being made to bring some outstanding labor leader to Toledo to speak on labor unity, but up to press time the committee did not have any definite speaker scheduled.

Music will be provided by a 15-piece orchestra under the direction of Paul Spor. Entertainment, singing and other features will supplement the program. Admission will be by ticket only. Dancing will be from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.

Tickets may be obtained from shop committeemen and stewards, or by calling at Local 12, UAW-CIO headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., or the Teamsters Union Hall, AFL, 2014 Adams St.

Mayor

LLOYD ROULET

Vice-Mayor

MICHAEL V. DiSALLE

Railway Magazine Discloses Facts

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (FP)—While the railroads are pleading poverty as an excuse for not giving their employes wage increases, the magazine Railway Age characterized 1943 as "the greatest year in the history of American railroading." It gives these figures:

Freight traffic handled, 725,000,000,000 ton-miles, which was 14 per cent higher than in 1942.

Passenger traffic, 85,000,000,000 passenger miles, twice as much as in 1918 and three times as much as in 1929.

Gross earnings exceeded $9,000,000,000 for the first time—topped the previous record of $7,500,000,000 set in 1942.

UAW Conference To Be Jan. 8

PORT CLINTON, Jan. 5.—Members of Region 2-B, UAW-CIO, including Toledo, Port Clinton, Sandusky, Fostoria, Marion and Lima will hold their regular quarterly conference here Saturday morning and afternoon, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Officers of local unions as well as international representatives will be in attendance at the meeting, which will discuss various union problems of the past three months. Regional Director Richard Gosser of Toledo will preside at the conference.

'Socialized' Medicine Discussed in Town Meeting

Socialized medicine as proposed by the Wagner, Murray, Dingell Social Security Bill was the subject discussed at the Town Meeting, held Jan. 8, at the Y.M.C.A.

Discussing the bill under the title of "Do We Want Socialized Medicine as Proposed by the Wagner Bill" were O. J. Pecord, managing editor of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, and Dr. Carl Mundy, of the Academy of Medicine of Lucas county.

Mr. Pecord stated that he was opposed to the title of the discussion because he felt that the term "cialization" was one which cre[illegible] prejudice against the bill, and [illegible] the use of the word was not [illegible]ecise.

Stating his belief that many of the medical profession had been victimized by the vicious propaganda put out against the Wagner bill, Pecord said, "Most of the medical profession are so busy practicing medicine that they have not the time to investigate the Wagner bill on their own initiative. They do not seem to realize that they are letting people do their economic and political thinking for them who are not interested in the medical profession, except perhaps to use it as a tool."

Answers Medical Objections

In answering many of the objections which members of the medical profession have raised to the bill, Mr. Pecord called attention to the one principal objection of the profession, that under the Wagner bill the patient's free choice of a physician would be destroyed. He pointed out that such was not the case and that the patient would be given his free choice of the doctors

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Organization At Troy Is Growing

TROY, Jan. 5—Organization of Waco Aircraft Co. employees in the UAW-CIO is progressing rapidly, according to Harold Tull, International Representative, who is in charge of the drive.

Tull said, "Our growth is not spectacular; but it is highly satisfactory and will soon be in such a position that we will have very good assurances that when we have an election we will win it hands down. The people in Waco are an exceptionally well informed group who have not been mislead by whispers or criticisms which are put out to keep them divided and prevent their organizing. That is the one big factor which I am sure will lead these people into an organization which they themselves run and control."

Warns Workers

Workers have been warned of the efforts which will be made to defeat their purpose before the NLRB election takes place. Tull said, "We have been through this thing repeatedly, where newspapers, company stooges, stool pigeons, and others leave no stones unturned in their last-minute efforts to mislead the people. I don't think it will work here under any circumstances; but we are prepared for whatever the enemies of organized labor may do."

A meeting will be held at the I. O. O. F. hall Sunday, Jan. 9, at 2:00 p. m. to discuss the wage setup in the contract. All Waco employees are asked to attend this meeting regardless whether they are members or not. Members of the committee in charge of the organization are Burl Stocker, president; Sam Chennois, vice-president; Joseph Francis, secretary-treasurer; Richard Morland, recording secretary.

County War Bond Quota Set

Plans for the most intensive selling campaign yet undertaken were under way this week in support of the Fourth War Loan, Jan. 18 to Feb. 15, in which Lucas county's quota is $38,500,000.

Campaign leaders in all divisions strengthened their selling organizations with the aim of personally approaching every person in the county with a request to buy extra bonds with surplus cash, or increase payroll allotments for bonds, or both.

Hazen S. Arnold, county chairman, stressed the need of selling more Series E bonds to more buyers than ever before. This will be necessary, he said, because purchases of bonds by banks will not be included in sales totals to meet the quota in the fourth campaign.

"However, with the war at a critical stage, and in view of the loyal efforts of a volunteer sales force of thousands of men and women, and with the wholehearted support of the campaign by the residents of Lucas county, we are determined to attain the same success that marked the first three campaigns," Mr. Arnold said.

The county chairman added that additional workers still are welcome, and that they can enroll for campaign service by contacting division chairmen or area leaders.

U. S. Income Reaches New High

NEW YORK (FP)—National income in the U. S. rose in November to a new high of $13,237,000,000, the Alexander Hamilton Institute figures. Total income for the first 10 months of the year amounted to $115,439,000,000, an increase of 17 per cent over last year.

The 1943 national income is expected to top the $120,000,000,000 reached in 1942 by $20,000,000,000. The institute said: "It is possible that if the war continues throughout next year, the national income will reach another, still higher, record."

DO IT NOW!

Remember, the primary elections are but a trifle over 4 months away. Registrations are open slightly more than three months. If you did not vote in the last two general elections, or if you have moved, you must go to the Board of Elections, 217 Superior St. and register or transfer your registration. Better do it soon, or it will be too late.

Roulet Re-elected Mayor; DiSalle Made Vice-Mayor

New Council Takes Office Before Large Crowd

Lloyd Roulet who replaced Judge Q. Carey as Mayor early last year was re-elected to the same position at Monday night's organization meeting of the city council.

Mayor Roulet received the votes of eight councilmen and did not vote for himself.

Vice-mayor was won by Councilman Michael V. DiSalle in a contest with Councilman Ollie Czelusta five to four. Both Mr. DiSalle and Mr. Czelusta voted for themselves. Voting for DiSalle were councilmen Burke, Lehman, Roulet, Millard and DiSalle for himself. Voting for Czelusta were Councilmen Thacher, Bame, Jurrus and Czelusta for himself.

Thatcher Sounds Off

After Councilman DiSalle had been nominated by Councilman Ralph B. Millard, and Councilman Czelusta had been named by Arthur M. Jurrus, Councilman Addison Q. Thatcher asked for the floor. He said that the seven councilmen elected by the Republicans should elect a Republican vice-mayor, because the Democrats had run three candidates, but had only succeeded in electing two of them. Burke's election, said Mr. Thatcher was entirely due to Labor and he owed nothing to the Democrats.

Councilman Thatcher said that if the Republicans elected a Democratic vice-mayor, they would make themselves a laughing stock and that the Democrats would also laugh.

Replying to Thatcher's statement, Mayor Roulet stated that the city charter called for a non-partisan council and that he would not be bound by partisan considerations. Following the exchange between Councilman Thatcher and the Mayor came the balloting at which time Councilman DiSalle was elected vice-mayor.

Reappoints Council Officers

Lawrence W. Davis, council clerk was reappointed to continue to serve as clerk by Mayor Roulet. Also reappointed were Leo Wonderly, sergeant-at-arms, Carl Diefenbach, assistant council clerk and Charles Wingerter, council secretary.

Salary and pollution committee of the old Council were reappointed by Mayor Roulet on the motion by Councilman Arthur M. Jurrus. The salary committee will consist of Mr. Jurrus, chairman; Mr. DiSalle and George C. Bryce, retir-

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War Chest Aids 42 Agencies

CIO members in the Toledo area are interested in the work of the 42 local agencies affiliated with the Greater Toledo Community War Chest, according to Richard Lazette, CIO Chest director. It was pointed out that these local health and welfare agencies are not just relief organizations, but perform a community service in the fields of aid to families and children, the aged, handicapped and homeless, and as guardians of health and as character building organiztions. Most of these organizzations have taken on increased duties and obligations brought about by war time conditions, it was reported.

Among those agencies that are particularly important in wartime is the International Institute located at 1018 Jefferson avenue. The International Institute is an educational and social center for individuals and families of many nationalities new residing in Toledo. A year round program of guidance to foreign born persons is the basis of the institute's work.

No Place for Ignorance

Institute workers recognize the fact that there is no place in a healthy nation for ignorance or illiteracy and no place for stubbornness and unwillingness to learn. Therefore, the institute encourages all foreign born members of the community to attend citi-

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Kaiser Differs With FDR

OAKLAND, Cal. (FP) — Day after President Roosevelt broadcast his sober warning of the tough, destructive days of war that lie ahead, Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilding king, declared here: "The peak of America's war production is over. The time has come to begin the gigantic task of shifting back to peacetime economy of efficiency in production."

Teamsters Want Inequalities Erased

NEW ORLEANS (FP)—At a conference of 65 southern locals here, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) mapped a drive to wipe out wage inequalities between the south and the rest of the country.

Takes Council Seat

Taking his place in the newly organized council, Tom Burke of the UAW-CIO looks very pleased about it all. Perhaps it was because the only other Democrat in Council was chosen for vice-mayor. Tom is a Democrat, but believes that the city government should be conducted on a non-partisan basis as called for in the city charter.

Walker Sees Compromise On Soldiers Vote Issue

. WASHINGTON (FP)—An Administration compromise on the soldiers' vote issue was indicated Dec. 29 by Chairman Frank C. Walker of the Democratic National Committee in a telegram to Sidney Hillman, head of the CIO political action committee. Meeting the chief argument of opponents of the Lucas-Green bill that it interferes with states' rights, Walker said, "I have no doubt that a compromise measure can and will be enacted that will meet this objection, for I can conceive of no member of congress being, willing to deny the soldier the chance to make his voice count in a national election."

White Is Conciliatory

At the same time, a probale Republican change-of-heart was seen in a conciliatory statement by acting Republican senate leader, Wallace White of Maine, that "congress should reach some settlement and find a way for eight or ten million servicemen and women to vote." White was one of the "unholy alliance" of polltaxers and Republicans which defeated the Lucas-Green bill in the senate.

The right to vote, said Walker, belongs pre-eminently "to the people who are offering their all for the defense of our democracy." Declaring that the voting process "should be made as simple and easy as possible," he added:

"It is hollow to talk of the right to vote unless we also guarantee the opportunity to vote. There is no suggestion of partisan politics about it... Of course, every precaution must be taken to insure perfect freedom in the soldier's choice, and equally important is it that an honest non-partisan count must be guaranteed."

Suggestion Box Bonus Plan Approved

PHILADELPHIA (FP)—A suggestion box bonus plan for the Jacobs Aircraft Engine Co., Pottstown, Pa., employing 8,000 workers, has been approved by the Regional War Labor Board.

The plan involves payments from $2.50 to $100, retroactive to March 15, depending upon the value of the suggestion. Also approved was payment of 10 per cent of the estimated savings for a year on any suggestion which will save the company substantial sums.

Teamster Paper Sees Need For Political Action

SEATTLE — (FP) — Political action is "the road American labor must take", declared The Washington Teamster, official journal of Council 28, Intl, Bro. of Teamsters (AFL), commenting editorially on National War Labor Board decisions in the case of the railroad workers.

"The experience of the railroad men has again proved the wisdom of entering the political arena, and the importance of keeping offices in the nation's capital to watch legislative trends, to keep labor informed and to act in behalf of labor when necessity arises," the paper said.

Predicting "the time may be near when every live state federation within the AFL will maintain such offices," the editorial suggested that the teamsters' unions of the 11 western states consider such a move immediately. It concluded:

"Organized labor cannot afford to remain inactive in politics while its enemies have their way in national and state legislative halls. That policy will lead to disaster."

Platform Will Be Announced

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The newly formed CIO Political Action Committee will hold a national convention in 1944, prior to the Republican and Democratic national conventions, for the purpose of drafting and presenting to the American people "a specific set of principles for the general welfare," Philip Murray, president of the CIO, revealed Jan. 4 in a signed article in the current issue of American Magazine.

"Then, after the Republican and Democratic political conventions," Murray declares, "we can decide what action to take regarding the two parties and the individual candidates, whether for state or national offices, or for the presidency."

The CIO Political Action Committee, financed with a contribution of $700,000 from CIO unions, "is not a labor party or a third party," Murray writes. "There is no present intention to form such a party." He discloses that the committee will have national offices in Washington and New York, and 14 regional offices covering the 48 states.

Concentrates on Congress

In tracing the factors that prompted the organization of the Political Action Committee, Murray flays Congress, the farm bloc, some war-time agencies that allegedly have a "pronounced anti-labor bias," and says that the com-

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Textileather Awarded Star for Army-Navy E Flag

A white star for the Army-Navy "E" pennant which has flown for the past year at Textileather Corporation, Toledo, and the Toledo Dye Works division of this company, has now been awarded to these plants, it was announced by J. D. Lippman, executive vice president.

Notice of the award was received today in a letter from Robert P. Patterson, under secretary of war, who wrote to the men and women of Textileather and Toledo Dye Works: "I am pleased to inform you that you have won for the second time the Army-Navy award for meritorious services on the production front. You have continued to maintain the high standard that you have set for yourselves and which won you distinction more than six months ago. You may well be proud of your achievement. The white star which the renewal adds to the Army-Navy production flag is the symbol of appreciation from our armed forces for your continued and determined effort and patriotism."

Operations today at Textileather and Toledo Dye Works continue on a 24-hour daily basis in the production of war essential materials. This includes processing of cotton textiles and manufacturing leather cloth, for which this company has been nationally prominent for more than 30 years.

Schultz Outlines Union's Policies

Stresses Importance of Politics; Pledges Support To CIO Program

Melvin Schultz, president of Local 12, UAW-CIO, outlined the policies which the Local is expecting to follow during 1944 in a statement January 5.

"We believe that 1944 is going to be a crucial year for labor," said Mr. Schultz. "We feel that the workers of the country together with the farmers must make their will known this year as they have never expressed it before. We are going to go along 100 per cent with the political program of the national CIO."

Mr. Schultz stated that "we want our people to begin right now to register and prepare themselves for the spring primaries. We want them to study the issues and remember what Congress has done during this past year, as well as the treatment which has been passed out by agencies biased against labor."

To Conduct Campaign

Stating that the union was going to conduct an active political campaign to defeat congressmen who had voted against labor and shown their lack of foresight, and to elect those favorable to labor whose records merit support, Mr. Schultz said, "We believe that we wield enough influence politically to make our efforts felt. We will not support those who have not a good record and will definitely oppose those who are now in office who have shown their disregard for the wishes of the majority of the people."

The Local 12 President said that "the workers may not yet be awake to their full interests, but we have the means to tell them the whole story and we will do so in such a manner that they cannot be fooled by those who are forever proclaiming their great love for labor by word of mouth, but whose votes frequently are opposed to the workers' interests."

Mr. Schultz said that Local 12 with its more than 32,000 members would continue to give its active support to Labor's Joint Committee for Political Action and would take an increasing part in the political campaign as it gets under way.

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Safety Law Enforcement Up To Labor Unions

NEW YORK, Dec. 31. (FP)—Enforcement of health and safety laws in this country is largely up to labor unions, the Industrial Health Committee warned in making public a survey of state regulations in the major industrial areas.

States surveyed were: California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

Regulations cover 15 health and safety measures, ranging from respirators and exhausts of poisons to safety shoes and lunch rooms. Reason enforcement depends so much on the unions is the lack of inspectors. Principal states provide inspectors as follows:

	Plants	Workers
New York	205	7,214
Pennsylvania	118	9,459
Ohio	288	21,579
Illinois	216	12,660

Most states have improved their safety laws in the past few years, the committee reports. Total industrial hygiene expenditures in 1935 were about 1/50 of a cent a worker. Today they are more than 1/30 of a cent.

New York leads in protective measures for workers. Ohio and Illinois are a close second, California and Pennsylvania are next. Of the states surveyed, Connecticut has fewest safeguards.

Outstanding Workers Non-Union 5 to 1

NEW YORK (FP) — Big business Romeos sang a new love song to labor at the recent convention of the National Association of Manufacturers when they paid public tribute to six outstanding women war workers. To broadcast their budding romance, the NAM held a special press conference for the women.

Harmony and blushing coyness reigned until FP began asking the women what unions they belonged to. Horror-struck, the NAM staff converged on the women, hastily whispered instructions into their ears. From then on, when questioned, the women seemed confused, murmured: "We don't know. We aren't supposed to talk about labor." Reason: Of the six, three belonged to no union, two to company unions, one to the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders (AFL)

Now Is The Time For Plain Talk

By Tom Burke

The National Association of Manufacturers started the New Year of 1944 out with a bang. Such headlines as "U. S. LABOR'S STRIKE THREATS DELAY GERMAN INTERNAL COLLAPSE" appeared on the front pages of public newspapers all over the country. This, of course, is intended as a body blow to Labor Unions. It is proof positive of the correctness of the statements made by labor leaders that big business is more interested in insuring high post-war profits and absolute control of the economy of the nation than they are in winning the war.

It is a harsh thing to say, but from the action of the convention of the NAM and its follow-up propaganda campaign, it looks as though the four freedoms are to them just a lot of balderdash. We can draw only one conclusion from their statements and actions, and that is that they feel their interests would be better served under some form of totalitarianism than under our present system of government.

Time Is Here

The time for plain talk on the part of Labor is here. Up to this time we have depended upon the fundamental justice of our position to see us thru, over the propaganda of the employer groups. Their propaganda has a ready outlet in the daily press, the radio, and public periodicals. Our avenues of expression have been limited.

First let us consider the question of strikes in war time. We all deplore the necessity and the aggravation that urges workmen to cease production on vital war goods. Most of the leaders of Labor in this country have spent hours, days, and weeks of heartbreaking toil to keep down any wartime stoppages. In every case they have had to work against terrific odds.

On the one hand, the smart cracking columnists and radio commentators depreciated their work before the public. On the other hand, the very people they were leading were aggravated and goaded by the employer until they could no longer be held in check. It takes two to make a fight and certainly, in all th labor-management fights, the workingmen have not been a bunch of Don Quixotes jousting windmills, or lunatics on the loose slugging it out with imaginary foes.

Labor Maligned

Labor has been the most maligned, insulted, and trod upon group in this whole affair. Three years ago Walter Reuther, a labor leader, advanced a plan for conversion of American industry to war production. Immediately a hue and cry was raised. David Lawrence said "pure socialism", as did many others. Pegler said something like this: A plan advanced by a young whippersnapper who knows nothing about production methods. But we are now working according to the Reuther Plan. Industry sits back and says "see what a good job we have done for the war effort." Many of the people who now say that, are the very people who refused to take National Defense contracts because they thought there was not enough profit in them, and cried for war work only when there were no more civilian goods to be made.

Labor made a no-strike pledge on the assumption that there would be Equality of Sacrifice. But no one offered to sacrifice except the men and women in the armed forces and Labor. Labor's no-strike pledge became the butt of the sly humor (?) of the propaganda mills of the financial interests.

Connally Act Passed

The Smith-Connally Act was passed. Statements were made in Congress that Labor, especially organized labor could not be trusted and that the no-strike pledge amounted to nothing buat a bunch of flowery words, therefore the pledge must be supplanted by a law with teeth in it. With our national political leaders holding the pledge in such contempt is it any wonder the men and women in the shop felt that a pledge so solemnly made and kept by 98.2 percent of working people was unwelcome in the marble halls of Washington.

In their all out effort to discredit organized labor, the NAM and their hirelings have even attacked the patriotism of labor leaders. For instance Pegler has taken a few examples where labor leaders have been granted deferments and written them up as absolute proof that anyone who works for a Union is a draft dodger and a cowardly traitor.

Not Draft Dodgers

Whether then men who were granted deferments were entitled to them or not I do not know, but I do know Jay Powers the first member of Local 12's Executive Board to leave for the armed forces before Pearl Harbor), Walter Murphy, former president of Local 12 now in Tank Destroyer Service, Al Kenngott former treasurer of Local 12 now in the Air Force, Clem Holewinski former employment manager of Local 12 now in the Quartermaster Corps, Dave Seretsky, former recording secretary of Local 12 now a Yeoman in the Navy, Chris Topel former International Representative now with the invasion forces in Italy, and many other leaders of Labor are serving Uncle Sam.

If Pegler ever gets paid to discredit the medical profession he would say that Dr. so and so is an abortionist and dope peddler therefore all doctors must be abortionists and dope peddlers. Or if a group come along and offer him a fat fee to take off on the legal profession he can no doubt find a few shysters and ambulance chasers and draw his usual logical (?) conclusion that all lawyers must by profession be shysters and ambulance chasers.

All this adds up to this. Somebody is afraid of something. What are they afraid of? They are afraid of this.

1. That Labor is finding a way to use its numerical strength at the ballot box and when it does, the economic control is going to pass out of the hands of those who now hold it.

2. Labor is going to demand more and more its share of the natural blesings of this country and when it does, the difference between the workingman and the wealthy will not be as great as it once was. The workingman and his family's standard of living will be as high as that of the man who employs him. To some people this will be a great tragedy.

3. Labor will have more and more to say about the conditions under which it works and this is already causing plenty of fire. Management is shocked and pained that someone else is knocking on their door for a voice in how work places shall be run. They decry the timerity of anyone who dares challenge their infallible judgment in such affairs.

Murray Raps AMA Distortion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 FP)—Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.), co-sponsor of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell expanded social security bill, accused the American Medical Association of willfully distorting the measure's medical provisions.

"The association has set up a committee in Chicago which is sending out a huge amount of propaganda intended to distort and falsify the bill," he said. Contrary to AMA claims, he said, the bill permits doctors to choose whether they wish to take part in the federal program.

He cited a recent Gallup poll which showed 50% of the people in favor of the bill, 20% against, and 21% undecided. A Fortune magazine survey showed 84% favorable, he said.

MILWAUKEE (FP) — Joining with the rest of the labor movement for political action, the railroad unions here set up a permanent legislative council to advance pro-labor bills.

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serving on the panel, and that the doctor could accept or reject the patient as he saw fit.

Stating that "such a bill as the Wagner bill was bound to come," Mr. Pecord said: "I predict with a great deal of confidence that medical care, hospitalization and all that go with these items will be made available to the people of this country sooner or later."

Pecord stated that the objections to the bill based on its cost of administration were false, and proved that the cost of administering private casualty and insurance companies under private ownership and operation were nearly twice that which the administration of the Wagner bill would cost.

Mundy States Case

In his talk objecting to the Wagner bill, Dr. Mundy brought out many of the objections that had been answered beforehand by Mr. Pecord's talk. He objected to what he termed "federalizing" medicine, and stated that instead of raising the standards of the medical profession, the bill would lower them. He said that the patient-physician relationships which were built up under private medicine would be ruined, and that the incentive would be taken out of medicine.

Dr. Mundy objected to the cost of the bill, which he said would amount to between 12 and 25 billion dollars. He cited many of the objections which have been brought out by the National Physicians Committee of Chicago, which supplies the medical profession with the arguments against the Wagner bill.

Audience Is Favorable

Following the talks by Dr. Mundy and Mr. Pecord, there was a discussion period between the participants and the audience. All indications pointed to the majority of the audience being in favor of the Wagner bill, with Dr. Mundy receiving the brunt of the questions and statements made by members of the audience.

One member of the audience asked Mr. Pecord, "If labor is so anxious to see the medical profession federalized, why do they object to the same thing for themselves?" Pecord's answer was that "labor unions are for the benefit of the members, whereas the medical profession is supposed to be for the benefit of the entire population. Moreover, in Germany under Hitler, and in Italy under Mussolini, the first step in the creation of the totalitarian fascist state was the subjugation of the labor unions to the state. Once labor unions have been 'coordinated' under the rule of the state, democracy disappears."

Harry Friberg, chief assistant prosecuting attorney, opened the discussion by explaining the Wagner bill to the audience of 100 without stating any opinion. Dr. William Steffens of St. Paul's Methodist church was moderator and introduced the speakers.

Town Meeting will be held again at the Y.M.C.A. January 17 to discuss "Can Private Enterprise Provide Full Employment in the Postwar Period?" Names of the speakers will be announced.

Poll Tax Will Bar Soldier Vote

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 5.—(FP) — An official opinion that Tenessee's recently upheld poll tax law would effectively bar members of the armed forces from voting was made here by State Atty. Gen. Roy H. Beeler.

Beeler said an amendment to either the state or federal constitution would be necessary to permit Tennessee soldiers and sailors to participate in the next presidential election.

The statement by Beeler is significant because U. S. Kenneth McKellar (D) is planning to confer with Gov. Prentice Cooper (D) here on the possibility of calling a special session of the legislature to deal with the soldier vote issue.

McKellar has opposed application of the voting privilege to soldiers on a national scale by congressional action.

Workers Win New Benefits

NEWARK, N. J. (FP)—For the first time in the history of the silk industry, union members have won hospital, surgical and maternity benefits not only for workers themselves, but for members of their families. Entire cost is paid by the employer in new contracts won by the Textile Workers Union (CIO).

Income Taxes and The Wage Earner

By David A. Guberman

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of several articles written for the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL by Attorney David A. Guberman, associated with the law office of Edward Lamb. In view of the complex form used in reporting this year's taxes, we urge you to clip and save these articles.

"Taxation is the price of civilization." The "price" this year is an all time high. It includes the normal tax and surtax on 1943 income and, for most of us, 25% of the 1942 tax which you thought was forgiven. For many it will also include 25% of the estimated 1944 tax, less estimated withholding. This will be determined by an estimated return filed on or before March 15, 1944 along with the 1943 return, though separately made out.

Each union worker will cheerfully shoulder his burden. But each worker owes it to himself and his family, and your government wants you to do this also, to take advantage of every available deduction and exemption. This requires the help of a tax expert.

Many Overpaid Taxes

It is most important in view of the recent Treasury Department announcement that 16,000,000 wage earners would be overpaid on their 1943 income because of pay as you go. This bears out a prediction of the writer, made when the act was enacted, that wage earners in the bracket between $1,000 and $4,000 per year would be overpaid. It is this writer's opinion that a properly prepared return can save a wage earner between $35 and $100.

A taxpayer cannot claim to be overpaid unless his return shows it. The return will not disclose it unless it is carefully made out after considering every available deduction and exemption allowed. And the taxpayer will not get his refund in cash or as a credit against the other taxes unless he shows it and claims it on his return.

Who Must File

Every single person who earned $500 or more in 1943, or who earned less than $500 in 1943, but $500 or more in 1942 must file a return. Every person without a spouse, even if the person formerly had one and even if the person has other dependents, is considered single for the above purpose. Every married person who, individually or together with his mate, earned $1,200 or more in 1943, or less in 1943 but $1,200 or more in 1942, must file a return. A married person must have lived with his or her spouse some time during the year 1943 to be considered married. Otherwise, he or she must file as a single person.

If one of the spouses is in the military service and they were separated the entire year on that account, both come under the married person classification.

Two Forms Available

Two forms are available upon which to make returns. 1040 is the regular or long form and is now four pages long. 1040A is the so-called short form and has grown from the five lines of last year to a full page.

The short form may be used by a person whose gross income does not exceed $3,000 for the year and (a) whose entire income was from personal services (wages, salaries, fees, etc.), dividends, interest and annuities (b) the person was not engaged in business, and (c) the person had no losses or gains from the sale of property. If a person was married and the spouse had an income, both must use a short form or neither may. In so doing, each sopuse may file separately, or they may file a joint return. If they wish to file jointly, their combined income may not exceed $3,000.

Any person may file on the long form. All must file on the long form who may not file on the short form.

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Roulet Named Mayor

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ing member of Council who was named to the committee as a civilian member.

Members of the pollution committee are Mr. Jurrus, chairman; Mr. Roulet and Mr. Czelusta.

Three new members took their place in council including Tom Burke, Earl O. Lehman and Ralph B. Millard. Mr. Burke has had previous experience in public office as representative to the Ohio General Assembly. Mr. Millard was formerly a member of the Board of Education. Mr. Lehman has had no previous experience in public office.

Council failed to name a chairman of the committee of the whole; but will act on a motion of Mayor Roulet to rotate the chairmanship.

Post-War Unemployment Is Wanted

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 — (FP) — American industrial leaders don't want full employment after the war, In Fact, weekly newsletter edited by George Seldes, charged in its January 3 issue.

Native fascist elements in big business, In Fact declares, "hope and plan to maintain unemployment as a weapon with which to smash the labor movement—which is or should be the main force of social and democratic progress of the American people."

Cited are excerpts from addresses at the recent convention of the National Association of Manufacturers and the 1944 programs of that organization, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the Committee for Economic Development and the National Industrial Information Committee.

"What is shaping up in industry," In Fact continued, 'is a triple drive by the economic royalists, the handful of men who own and control the rest of America, to bring back the good old days of Hoover, lower taxes on themselves, higher profits and soldiers selling apples on every corner."

War Chest Aids 42 Agencies

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zenship classes, club meetings and social events where the habits of the country are easily acquired and speech difficulties overcome.

Training offered by the International Institute has helped hundreds of persons to prepare for their naturalization papers easily and without fear. Several refugees who have reached Toledo after arriving in this country from wartorn Europe, take advantage of the opportunities offered by the institute, it is reported.

All such services rendered by the International Institute are free and only small membership dues are charged.

The work carried on by this agency in helping the foreign born population of Toledo to feel at home here, is made possible largely through funds allocated by the Greater Toledo Community War Chest and raised in the Chest's annual fall campaign.

This is a sample of the type of services rendered by Chest affiliated agencies, and which are available to all members of the community. Your gift to the Greater Toledo Community War Chest helps build a happier, better community.

WASHINGTON (FP) — The "complete destruction of German military power in a few months after a successful second front has been opened in Europe" was forecast by Vice President Henry A. Wallace in a radio broadcast.

CIO Political Committee Convention

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mittee will work to prevent the reelection to Congress of "ignorant, selfish and short-sighted men."

On the basis of a "long study by the CIO Post-War Planning Committee," Murray declares that "we believe the government should at once set up a federal agency to plan for transition to full peacetime consumption, employment and production. It should be headed by a policy board, with representatives from agriculture, labor and government." Industry is not mentioned.

Murray contends that the government must be prepared to operate $20,000,000,000 worth of government-owned war plants, once the war is over, if private industry cannot operate them to "benefit the people rather than the few." He adds, "if private enterprise can pay a fair price for them, and can operate them with reasonably full production and employment, well and good."

"President Roosevelt has traditionally been a friend of the working man," Murray states, but the "present Congress has witnessed the most violent and continuous attacks ever made on labor and labor's rights.

Flays Congress

"The failure of Congress to control inflation has been a scandal and a disgrace," he continues. "Acting chiefly under the pressure of the so-called farm bloc, which is really made up mostly of big businessmen and profiteering middlemen masquerading as farmers, Congress has systematically crippled all effective efforts to hold down the cost of living, and has opened the door wide to a really dangerous inflation."

Murray characterizes the Political Action Committee, which already has held conferences in Philadelphia, Birmingham, Dallas, Minneapolis, Detroit, Seattle, San Francisco Los Angeles and Cincinnati, as the first American organization to be founded "to protect the rights of the working man, the farmer, the small business man, and the so-called common man." He predicts that, since the program has been well received, the nationwide organization will be perfected within a few months.

"In choosing the directors of the 14 regional offices," Murray states, "we shall not confine ourselves to union men, but sympathy with and knowledge of the labor movement will naturally be required." He declares that the committee, "through its legally exercised educative powers, will have more influence on events in the crucial year of 1944, than any third political party could wield."

Indictment Shows Nazi Propaganda

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (FP)—Here are the lies used by the 30 indicted seditionists in their propaganda blitzkrieg against the armed forces, according to the indictment handed down by a federal grand jury Jan. 3. Their oral, written and printed statements faithfully modeled on Joseph Goebbel's technique, included like these:

1. Democracy is decadent; a national socialist or fascist form of government should be established in the United States.

2. The government of the U. S., the congress and public officials are controlled by communists, international Jews and plutocrats.

3. The activities and territorial acquisitions and plans of the Axis powers constitute no real danger to the national existence and security of the U. S. or any of its territorial possessions.

4. The Axis powers are fighting to free the world from domination by communism and international Jewry, and to save Christianity, hence the U. S. should give no aid and comfort to the enemies of the Axis.

5. The present war is a dishonest war waged at the expense and measured in the blood of dollars of the people of the U. S. solely for the benefit of and to insure the continuance of world domination by "international bankers", "international capitalists", "Mongolian Jews", communists and international Jewry.

6. The Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor was deliberately invited by the public officials of the U. S. in order to involve the U. S. in a foreign war.

War Expenditures Up

WASHINGTON (FP)—War expenditures for the month of November went to a new high of $7,794,000,000, an increase of $689,000,000 over October, or nearly 10 per cent, the War Production Board reports. Previous high was $7,688,000,000 in June. Average daily expenditure was close to $300,000,000.

Elmer Davis Says McCormick Press Is Aid To Enem

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (FP)— Declaring that 1944 can bring victory in the European theatre, OWI chief Elmer Davis, in a New Year's eve radio address, singled out the defeatist Patterson-McCormick press for giving aid to the enemy in similar editorials Dec. 29.

The N. Y. Daily News and Washington Times-Herald, editorializing on Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's prediction of victory in 1944, provided everyone does his full duty, called that an alibi in case allied military plans go wrong. People are only human, said the editorials, intimating it was Utopian to expect people to do their full duty.

"It is worth remembering," said Davis, "that the Times-Herald was also one of the newspapers—the other was the Chicago Tribune—which three days before Pearl Harbor published to the world the plans by which our Army proposed to fight if there had to be a war.

"The enemy, who was already nearing Pearl Harbor for that sneak attack, must have been grateful for that information; as he will certainly be grateful for this endeavor by the Patterson-McCormick press to undermine confidence in our military leadership. Most of us, looking at General Eisenhower's record, will be likely to have more confidence in his plans."

SEAMEN JAILED IN ALABAMA

MOBILE, Ala. (FP)—Merchant seamen, waiting to ship out, are being picked up here by police and thrown in jail under Alabama's work-or-fight order, Port Agent Sam Despeaux of the Natl. Maritime Union (CIO) reported.

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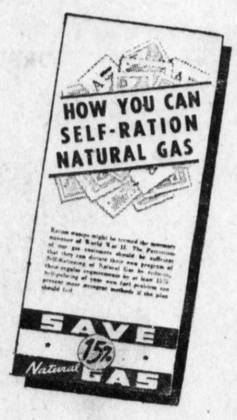

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Willys Seeing Eye

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It may be a trifle late, but the new year is still young enough for us to wish all the readers of the paper a Happy New Year.

We were surprised to see the large number of Willys workers who responded to the president's call to work if they were needed. Although this meant giving up the New Year's celebration, there were many who were willing to make the sacrifice.

Miss Winkle, we understand, did not get those circles under her eyes rom USO activities, but from worrying about her B.F., who is on active duty. Soooo soddy.

That was a humdinger of a celebration held in Dept. 322, but why wasn't I invited. I just love to stand under the mistletoe.

We understand that a shadow his been placed on Harold Dence of Dept. 980, to see what he does with all his overtime pay. It wouldn't be a bad idea for the lad to squander some of the dough in the soldiers' fund, Harold, or don't you think they deserve that kind of a break?

Denny Burchard, hard working hammerman, has two sons in the armed service. Denny is the boy who takes his orchestra over to the Moose and swings a mean tune.

Many of the stewards have been dubbed "doc" since they passed out those cold pills. Wonder if the Wagner bill the medics are crying about would permit that.

For an example of real teamwork, you should see them assemble the Jeep motors. It's really something to see and shows one of the reasons why we are winning the war.

Congratulations to our mule drivers, who are resolved to drive even safer in 1944.

It's a little late, and maybe we said it before, but whether we said it or not, it's worth saying again, and that is—Happy New Year. Or did I say that before. Well, let it stand and that makes it doubly sure.

The Waggin' Tongue of Local 12

At a New Year's Eve party we met quite a number of Local No. 12 members who are, and some who will soon be wearing uniforms of our fighting organizations, better known as the U. S. Armed Forces. While beating our gums or waggin' the tongue, these young men made it known that they left ...d will be leaving the following: ...their good will for the Swartz... ...gh Mfg. Co. to Ed Duck.

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...their last year's bowling aver... ...s to Ed Mandy.

Their "Lady Esther" beauty secrets with Burny Zawodny.

Their lightning speed to Emil Lindhorst, the barkeep.

Their slim figures to Cyrus Martin.

Their tall stories to the "Voice of Experience," Claude Hess.

Their boxing ability to Orville Beamer.

Their musical talents to Carmen Broderick.

Their sunny dispositions to the girls at the dues window.

Their humor and wit to Walter Witaszek to keep up the morale where it is needed most.

Their jobs and their senority in the care of their respective Units of Local 12 (meaning you, you and you and me) until they return.

This instrument is the first will and testament sworn to and at this year.

DON'T ASK US

Whether anyone reads this column.

Why Harold Dean fell off a chair and Virgil picked him up.

Ragging The Scale

Now that the holidays are behind us and we can all start merrily back to work—to the tune of stop watches held in the eager hands of our new time study men, we can certainly look forward to a happy, prosperous New Year? Of course, some individuals will insist that the new time study men are for no good, they will probably even recall Mr. Bennett's speech just before the Labor Board election one year ago, when he painted such a bright and glorious picture of the future for all the new employes. No doubt, these malcontents will nod knowingly at the constant stream of new employes going out the front door, being turned out to seek greener pastures, or something. But don't let all this worry you folks, the company union is going to take good care of you—and how! That's right—how?

PERTURBED

Pres. Eugene Koontz was slightly perturbed to say the least when a young lady rushed up to him the other day and inquired, "Say, where will I find the union man?" We don't know what made Gene think it was him she meant, so upon further inquiry she said, "I want to join the CIO." Then, even Pres. Koontz understood. Naturally, he directed her to the right man!

ANOTHER CHANCE

There will soon be another election at the Toledo Scale Co. How soon—depends upon the people who are talking about a "real union", but are slow in getting into action. It takes more than words to win elections or get a "real union," so if you want a union, a "real union", it would be a good idea for you to get going. The sooner the better. Remember, the war won't last forever. Who do you want doing your bargaining for you in the post-war period, an organization which is unable to point to a single constructive thing during the past year, or one that has proven itself hundreds of times during the last eight years to be the organization for the workers?

Your union should be your's, which is something we cannot say about the disorganized mob who now pretends to represent the workers at the Scale Co. You can have such a worker's effective union, but you must do something for yourselves. You can see how much the Scale Workers will do for you, on the basis of what they have done. And what has our so-called union done for us?

National Supply

By Shorty Sager

A GOOD EGG

Hats off to the vice chairman of the National Supply Unit, John DeWitt. John is a hard worker for the organization, ready and willing at all times to be of assistance to all those who need or seek his aid. John knows his stuff about the contract and other things that a good union man should know. He will answer any question that the members ask him, and does a swell job of handling the Unit meetings. In addition to being a good union man John is a swell guy with a genuine smile that warms your heart. He's like good whiskey—improves with age. He grows on you. The longer you know him, the better you like him.

John DeWitt

AROUND THE SHOP

Bill Snyder, in the machine repair tool crib, is home from the hospital. He is mending rapidly and will soon be back with us.

Al Openshaw, Dept. 36, fireman second class in the Navy, has completed his boot training. Al recently visited the shop and looked fit as a fiddle. We wish Al the best of luck.

Bob Johns, Dept. 36, reports his new well has frozen only once this winter. Happy pumping, Bob.

Ed Fitzgerald, son of our genial secretary, writes from his Army camp that he has just recovered from pneumonia. He thanks all the boys for his packages sent him just before Christmas.

A certain well known hunter and fisherman in Dept. 36, who simply can't stand any cold air in the shop, is looking for a partner to go with him to northern Michigan to spear pike through the ice. It isn't cold up there, only 15 below zero.

Rollie Stroehlein is recovering from the thrill of becoming father of a baby girl, and the bad luck of a broken arm. We're glad to see you back on the job, Rollie.

Our New Year's party and dance was a great success. Everybody seemed to have a swell time, and if they failed to enjoy themselves it must have been their own fault. Thanks to George O'Henry and everyone else who helped make the party a live one. What we need is more such parties, eh?

IMPORTANT

Don't forget the next regular Unit meeting, January 13 at 1:30 p. m. for the night shift, and 8:00 p. m. the same day. And very important, don't miss the big bond rally and dance at the Civic Auditorium Saturday night, January 8. You'll be surprised and you'll be sorry if you don't go. Maybe you'll win a bond for free.

T. I. R. Stretches

SEE

Harold Laney, one of our servicemen, wrote a letter a few days ago in which he thanked us for the cigarettes sent him. We are glad that he enjoyed our little gift. By the way, while we are on the subject, we must tell you that the cigarette fund is rapidly dwindling. We won't let our boys down, will we? And if we won't, there's only one way to prove it—by giving to the fund.

Ella Groll, who got lots of nice presents for Christmas, tells us that the one she wanted most of all is located in Ireland.

We are all pleased to see "Slim" Clark back at work again; but where were you and Homer Gladney on Monday, Dec. 27? We didn't see either one of you at work.

Wonder whatever became of John (Brownie) Grandowicz? He was a good friend to all of us and we would like very much to hear from him.

Hubert Nemire was home recently on furlough. We hope that Hubert and all the rest of the boys will be home before many more months.

If Wesley will keep up the good work we'll soon have a decent shower.

Despite his bum finger, Charles Henry is working about as good as ever.

Everybody says they had a swell time at the last party. It's too bad everybody couldn't be there to enjoy themselves. We are also glad to know that everybody had a nice Christmas and hope they will be able to report the same about a Happy New Year, and we wish you all a Happy New Year, folks, and still happier ones in the future.

Champion Sparklets

Agnes Koester wishes to thank the girls on the second floor for remembering her on Christmas day.

One of the earliest celebraters for the holiday season was Stella Siwa, who brought some of the most delicious Christmas cookies! Will we have to wait till next year to get some more samples of your wonderful baking, Stella?

We see that John Byrd of "L" is back on the job after a session with Old Man Flu. Take it easy for a while, John.

It's Jack (Cookies) Robles in Dept. B ever since is was found out that he is keeping the electric welder operators supplied with those delicious cookies.

We wonder why a certain gal working on the electric welders got so business like all of a sudden the other day. Could it have been because the boy friend happened to be supply man right then?

The boys in Dept. K are wondering if Andrew Beczynski eats a couple of lemons each morning for breakfast. What's the trouble, Andy? Can't you get the sour look off your face once in a while and give a union member a lift instead of a push?

Through an error in last week's paper we mentioned V-type plugs instead of Y-type plugs. Apologies to the V-type girls.

In answer to a few of our employees who have been heard to ask: "What good is our union? What are they doing for us?" It might be a good idea to take these same employees on a walk through the plant. Let's start in the steel shed. There they will see new glass block windows being installed to insure better lighting in a not too cheerful department. Go into Dept. AA. There you will find a new wind break inside the door—a heretofore very cold spot. Look a little further and you will notice a complete new lighting system. This is to name a few of the many improvements for which the union is responsible and which was done for your benefit.

Airway Airings

I won't mention any names, but several people had rather sore lips for a few days after Christmas. Is that how your Christmas cheer affected you?

For those who didn't attend the Air-Way party of Dec. 23, which was sponsored by the employees: Don't be misinformed. I can assure you it was a good time and a very congenial gathering. Ollie Gozdowski entertained with his various impersonations of celebrities of stage, radio and movie fame. They all gave him a big hand because they know he has big feet. By the way, everybody left in orderly manner and as far as is known reached home safely.

Say, Myrtle, what happened to your pretty black stockings with the fine clock-work and butterflies up the side? They sure were pips!

Many of us have spent a busy week doing inventory work. As far as the employees are concerned, the only results were writer's cramp and a befuddled mind.

Some time ago the executive shop committee told the Unit body at their regular meeting that they had reached an agreement regarding supervision. It is that each supervisor has one group to direct and has no control over any other group. This evidently has not been made clear to a certain boss, for he is still wandering around the shop, picking on the employees.

What's the matter, have you forgotten the days when you were one of the boys? Better contact the foreman if you dislike something, remember he can handle them much better than you.

It is with profound and sincere feeling of gratitude that I wish to thank Zig Lapinski for his splendid cooperation as vice chairman of the Air-Way Unit.

Zig is leaving January 12th to serve his country. Our best wishes go with you, Zig.

Joe Mroz, Chairman.

Canco (1) Opener

By Ted Modrowski

START IT RIGHT

Now that we have left behind us a rather troublesome year, with a few successes sprinkled here and there, let's start this year right and pile up our successes and leave the troubles or those who seek them. Too many people have as yet failed to grasp the full meaning of a union, and the very minute they hear or see what some crank reactionary has to say about any labor organization they immediately fall in line with them. To realize our successes we must stop this.

The NAM is not sleeping these days—by no means. We'll even venture to say they are staying up nights devising methods of disrupting the union, not through direct attacks upon labor, but through seemingly trivial accusations which will be soaked in by Gullible Gus within our own ranks. They know only too well that any union is only as strong as the rank and file, and they will work on these soft spots.

By this time many of you must be thinking that there perhaps is an antidote for this "poison," and there is. A great deal can be accomplished if the older members rejuvenate their interest in the activities of the union and return to those days when they did nothing but think, talk and act union. The real antidote to fight this scourge through is your own TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL the only paper serving this section of Ohio that dares to print the true picture and not hide the basic ideas between the lines. This is not a "kept" paper as you may well know, for there have been numerous times that labor itself was the recipient of strongly worded lashings. Has any other paper ever criticized industry, unless they could lay the blame on labor?

Another effective antidote which will carry into the post-war period is writing to the men in service and keeping them informed as to the true picture here. The NAM is doing their darndest to blacken us in the eyes of the servicemen. Now let us do our darndest to keep the servicemen informed and not misinformed, as the enemies of labor are doing. Send them clippings or, better still, send them the whole TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL and let them read the truths as they actually are, not as the moneybag groups would like them to think they are.

Now, dear reader, don't get the idea that we are saying the union is faultless—far be it from that. But compared to the NAM we're simon pure. Don't forget to write the boys in service and let them know the truth.

Cop Joins Ford Co.

DETROIT (FP)—Detroit FBI Chief John S. Bugas, who refused to investigate fifth column connections with the race riots here last summer, went openly over to the Ford Motor Co. as assistant to Personnel Director Harry Bennett.

Soldier Vote Bill Wins Approval

NEW YORK (FP)—A nationwide poll conducted simultaneously in 16 cities among men in the armed forces by American Youth for Democracy revealed them 32 to 1 for the original Green-Lucas soldier vote bill. Of 7,698 polled, 7,454 favored the bill, while only 244 were opposed.

On The Surface

First and most important, we want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. It is better late than never.

To our sick brothers, Earl Snowden, Martin Arent, Bill Jones, Fred Weddel, and our maimed members, Bob Baer and Paul McCellan, we hope for their speedy recovery. Of course we don't want anyone hitting themselves on the head with a hammer and stepping on their thumb on their way down, now do we?

With all due ceremony lately, our august overseer in the standard furnace department was presented with a fine, reasonable facsimile of a rifle, so that he may patrol his beat along that well worn aisleway that borders his territory.

WANTED: One clean shirt that has been able to pass a certain self-seeking fabricator without having to endure his artificial loquaciousness.

That's what I wanted for Christmas dept. * * Delmar Baird; More 120 B.H. jobs. Dick Burns, three jobs to run instead of two. Harry Stormer, Twenty-one. Jim Robarge, that hammer that went out on the Norwalk truck. Stanley Boyers, a second chance at those splits. Charles Roberts Jr., a return ticket to Red Jones' gang. Stan Miller, a reason for getting to work on time. Cecil Harrison, something besides grinding. Ralph Coon and Vern Lake, something they won't have to beef about. The shipping gang, some heat in the shipping room. All the mason tenders, a boss who isn't always on their heels. Jim Saco, that three hours pay for the day before Christmas. Frank Klein, the end of those ship plates. Tony Snyder, a chance to rest his feet. Everyone in the shop, a WLB report: Skippy Will, bromo. Roland Jacobs, more bosses?

Rathbun Reporter

By Bob McVicker

RETIRES

William Shaffer, who has been employed for the past 27 years by the Rathbun-Jones Co., retired from active service on Dec. 24. During the course of his employment with the company, Mr. Shaffer lost very little time except from accident. He was first employed by the company in April, 1916.

Before coming to Rathbun-Jones Mr. Shaffer was employed by the M. C. railroad, where he was round house foreman for a number of years. In his younger days he was an engineer.

He has gone to live on his farm near Monclova with his wife, and cordially invites all his friends in the plant to visit him there.

GOOD NEWS

Word has been received from the War Labor Board that the bonus proposal has been approved and the company will soon take steps to pay.

SHOP COMMITTEE

Members of the new shop committee assumed their duties January 3. Following are members of the shop committee for 1944: Chairman, Heine Seve; vice chairman, Paul Crawford; secretary, William Schofield; members at large, Clarence Ide, Steve Kujawa, Carl Gyrener, Earnest Sass.

Retiring members of the committee are Albert Snyder and Robert Hunter.

NEW YORK (FP)—Art Young, who devoted his fruitful life as a cartoonist and author to the cause of American labor, died Dec. 29, in his hotel here. He was 77.

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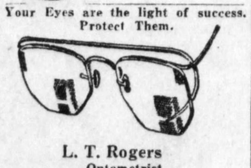

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The Wagner Bill

One of the most controversial bills to come before Congress in some time is the Wagner Bill, designed to supplement the present social security law and establish a Federal system of medical and hospitalization benefits.

Principal opponents of the Wagner Bill are the American Medical Association, local medical societies, drug companies, chain drug companies, patent medicine manufacturers and reactionary politicians and businessmen.

Controversy over the bill is on the increase with those who favor the bill only now beginning to awaken to the fact that by far the majority of the people of this country are in favor of the bill. Polls taken by Dr. Gallup show that 50 per cent of those polled favored the bill, while that taken by Fortune Magazine showed 84 per cent favorable. The actual percentage must be somewhere between the two extremes.

Most people, particularly those who work for a living, seem to realize that under our present syetem, it is only the extreme rich and the extreme poor who receive the best medical care and hospitilization.

Sickness is one of the greatest contributing causes of poverty, a fact which cannot help but strike fear to the hearts of thoughtful people. Certainly, reducing an industrious self-supporting citizen to poverty because of serious or long-continued illness not only destroys a useful citizen, but renders the country poorer because of his changed status.

It is our hope that every labor union in the country not only will endorse the Wagner Bill, but that the unions will give the bill their fullest backing and support. There can be no security until the spectre and fear of sickness has been removed from the people who work for a living. There can be no real security until proper medical care and hospitalization are placed within the reach of all the people of this country.

What Lies Beneath

It requires but little imagination to understand what lies beneath the anonymous warning from Washington on the strike situation and the war.

Efforts to convince the people of this country that strikes have had an uplifting effect on Nazi morale has more behind it than meets the eye. Indeed, it is not at all difficult to see the fine hand of some enemy of labor behind the propaganda, particularly in view of the fact that Congress is being invited to enact more anti-labor laws.

By creating a wave of public indignation against labor, the enemies of labor would be able to place in the hands of Congress reasons which would be used, at least by some congressmen, to justify their going along with the anti-labor measures.

By stirring up one group of people against the other and destroying our wartime unity, the enemies of labor would be in a position, if their strategy worked, to hamstring labor and place it in ever-narrowing confines.

In the light of what apparently lies behind the strike story which came out of Washington, it must appear obvious to all of us that the enemies of labor never sleep and will stoop to any expedient, regardless how low it may be, to restrict, and, if possible, destroy organized labor.

Destruction of labor unions in this country would be but the prelude to an assault upon the freedom which we all so highly prize. It would result in the destruction of democracy and the substitution of the very thing against which we are fighting.

We, too, must be vigilant, eternally awake to the dangers which face us, not only in our armed warfare with our known enemies, but in our eternal fight with the enemies of freedom and democracy, our internal enemies who constantly seek to destroy organized labor in order to achieve personal glory, power and profits.

Mark Twain Said It Better

(From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

The Nazis' far-fetched phrases for describing defeats as if they were victories are not, now that we come to think of it, original.

"We have energetically reversed the fighting position," and "Despite fierce resistance, we have detached ourselves from the enemy," and the like, all were expressed earlier and better by, our researches disclose, Mark Twain. He wrote "Thrusting my nose firmly between his teeth, I threw him heavily to the ground on top of me."

What's New?

By Edward Duck,
Educational Director, Local 12

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

A motley assortment of conscientious objectors have stated that they do not approve of this column exposing the sins of the Auto-Lite committee. These people offer no objection except to say that the facts should be withheld for the "good" of the union.

Edward J. Duck

Chief among the objectors are the committeemen themselves, who are still afraid to accept the debate challenge, their stooges who are being used as tools in splitting the membership, the management of the company, who naturally would prefer to see the present gang remain in office, and the Communist party, which labels all its critics "red-baiters."

But the facts disclose that the guilty parties are not properly representing the workers, which they cannot do when they are not in the plant, and some of them cannot do a decent job even if they are putting in their time.

COMMITTEEMAN SINS

One individual makes so much money off the numbers racket that he can promise the rest of the committee that they will have a free trip to the UAW Convention, a promise which he did not keep, incidentally.

He also is willing to wager an even hundred dollars that he will be re-elected in February, which is in effect calling the members a bunch of foolish people, but he has been elected so many times that his egotism is boundless.

The head man of the crew is responsible for the servicemen not receiving the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, after the membership ordered that the paper be sent to them, but he prefers to play dumb, and deny that this motion was ever passed.

No one has ever denied that any of the allegations in this column were untrue, and they haven't the courage to debate the issues, but they have the effrontry to expect the membership to cast their ballots for them next month.

Do they think that the people in the plant are stupid enough to overlook the fact that they have dodged the debate challenge? Everyone knows that for three months they have failed to refute anything printed in public print, and regardless of whether the management likes this column or not, hundreds of Auto-Lite men and women enjoy finding out things they never dreamed were true.

TIME FOR CHANGE

When a committeeman can brag of having two hundred dollars of the members' money in his pocket in exchange for convention votes it is high time that the rank and file exchange him for one who will vote as his conscience dictates, remembering the wishes of the workers who elected him.

When one individual has a record of having opposed Local 12 simply because he was not the big boss, we should also remember that when we are figuring out our 1944 Auto-Lite ticket.

Auto-Lite needs the support of every decent, union-minded person in this community, and I am carrying the ball only because no one has been able to bring forth these facts.

Let those who are opposed to this column come forth next Sunday, when I will be more than willing to meet them in open debate. The membership should demand that they be present or forever keep their mouths still. If they have something to say, let them say it.

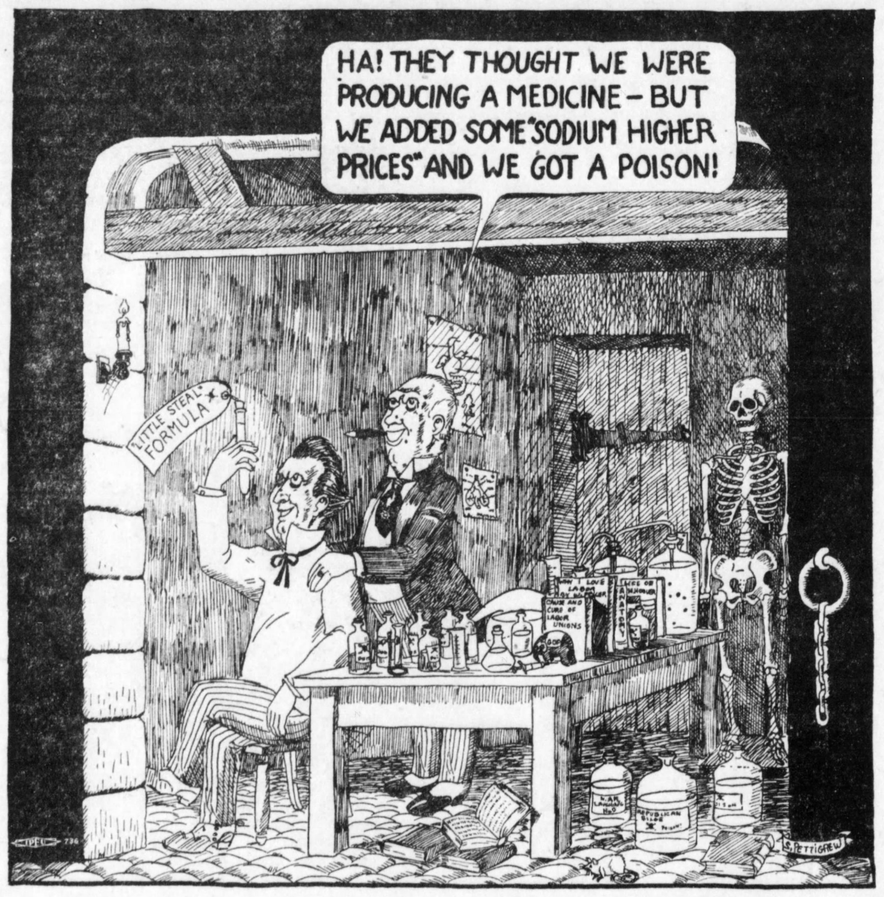
Those who feel that this column is fuel to the fires of the manufacturers can recall that the manufacturers have never found any consolation in Brother Duck, and they never will. I believe that the writer's record speaks for itself. Ask the workers of Champion Spark Plug how much consolation that company got when we organized the plant; likewise with City Machine and Tool and a dozen other plants.

Critics of Richard Gosser and Melvin Schultz are dishonest with themselves, or else they would bring forth something tangible in the way of justifiable criticism. These men have brought Local 12 to the point where it is a community institution, strong enough to elect its vice-president, Tom Burke, to a position in City Council.

The opposition ran a candidate and he finished about where the rest of their slate finished. There must be a reason.

If anyone has any questions to ask, let him bring them down to the Local next Sunday at 2 o'clock. They'll be answered, and answered well.

The Wrong Formula — *By Pettigrew*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It's News To Me

By O. J. Pecord

THE NEW COUNCIL

Hope springs eternal in the human heart, and so we find ourselves hoping that the new city council which took office last Monday night, will be able to do a much better job for the people of this city than the last Council was able to do.

O. J. Pecord

There are many things which the new council will be able to do for the people of Toledo. The next two years are going to be fruitful of many things, including some very perplexing problems which the council will be called upon to meet.

Then too, there is the question of the post-war period which will very likely begin during the term of the present council. What the aftermath of war will be none of us clearly see, yet, we believe that now is the time for our city to begin to make some definite plans to meet the problems which will arise when we change over from war to peacetime living.

Naturally, there will be some politics played by some members of the new council. Councilman Addison Q. Thacher gave ample notice that he is the same old Addison he was before last November's election. He proved it by attempting to drive a wedge between Councilman Tom Burke and the Democratic party when he said that Burke was elected by labor, and that the Democrats need not take credit for Burke's election.

Now I am not one to quibble over small things; but it is my impression that Burke was not the only one who was elected by labor, moreover, I am positive that Thacher wasn't, because I have not been able to find anyone who will admit they voted for him. Everybody is against Thacher until election day, and then they go out and re-elect him. I don't know how he does it, but he does it, and somehow or other, I can't exactly blame him for being cocky about it.

Thacher is given the silent treatment by the Republicans before every election, and after every election he practically tells the party it can go to that place and burn, yet, the party in a paid advertisement bragged of the seven men it had elected to city council, and did not fail to mention Thacher's name. What kind of a game is that?

DISALLE'S FUTURE

Some of the boys in Council seemed to believe that making Mike DiSalle vice-mayor would build him up too much, because it has been kicked around that the vice-mayor has his eye on congress. Really now, we doubt that. Congress is the reward we give mediocre lawyers and judges and nobody could possibly think that Mr. DiSalle was that ordinary. Maybe he would make a good congressman. Certainly, almost anyone would be better than the chamelon-like Ramey.

If Mr. DiSalle has any congressional ambitions, he couldn't pick on a weaker opponent. Even though Mr. Ramey apparently has the blessing of the Republicans and obviously has been forgiven for voting against the Smith Connally Bill, he is woefully weak and getting weaker as more and more people discover that the way the Honorable Homer talks and the way he votes are entirely different things.

No one is going to take it away from our new vice-mayor, he's a good politician; but when the term good politician is used, we mean one who doesn't try to be all things to all people. We believe Mr. DiSalle has principles and that he keeps his promises. One thing is certain, Mike DiSalle doesn't have two sides to present to two different groups of people, each radically different from the other. Maybe DiSalle won't go anywhere; but at least he doesn't try to be all things to all people. That's against him, of course, but then he can at least look at himself in the mirror when he shaves each morning without becoming nauseated.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Public hopes for the new councilmen, Tom Burke, Ralph B. Millard and Earl O. Lehman are high. Labor is particularly interested in Mr. Burke, because, as Mr. Thacher so ably puts it, he was elected by labor, some of it Democratic labor.

Labor is interested in all the members of the city council, and labor will watch the acts of this council because it realizes that the present city government is going to have one of the biggest jobs to do that a city council has had in many years.

The new members of Council together with the older ones, will be called upon to solve some big problms should the war end quicker than we think. Regardless, it still is going to have to think about postwar Toledo and make plans for the period immediately after the war.

Confidence in the present city council, on the whole, seems to be exceptionally high. True, there are some members of Council who are not as popular as others, who perhaps do not seem to be as civic-minded as might be expected of them; but looking at the council as a body, it seems to be well constituted and in an ideal position to get away to a good start.

Toledo has needed better municipal government for a long time and voted last fall to get its wish. Now we must sit back and wait and see what council will do to give the people of this city the high type of government to which they are entitled and which they hope they have secured.

We all wish the new council the best of luck in the 1944-45 term, and our hopes are that our's will become the efficient and effective government which we aspire to.

It is very definite that the workers of Toledo who took a surprising interest in last fall's election and united themselves into an effective political organization regardless of their union affiliations, will not sit back indifferent to the present city Council. They have demonstrated that labor can and will vote as a unit if it is aroused, and it seems that this interest can be maintained in the face of the efforts which are being made to do a job on labor.

There isn't a reason in the world why the present Council should not come up to the high expectations and desires of labor if the workers take an interest in the doings of Council. The majority of the men who are serving in city council are competent men who can, if they so desire, give Toledo one of the best administrations it has had in years. They will do so if the workers take the proper interest in their city government.

Editor's Mail

Post-War World

Dear Sir:

It would be a fine thing if the government retained the titles to our war plants and operated them for the production of peace time commodities after the war. But wait, government doesn't always operate for the good of all the people, but sometimes for the good of just a few of the people, especially if the few have the right men in office.

These government owned plants, representing billions of dollars worth of capital investment, will no doubt be auctioned to the highest bidder. And who will that be? Why, the money changers, of course.

When the money changers make big profits that's good business, but when the workers make decent wages that's inflationary money, more or less worthless to buy with until big business gets its hands on it. I might also say little business, too, because little business puts on the tariff to get the money transferred to its till instead of to the workers' pockets.

It would be mighty fine, wouldn't it, if the government would use all the fine factories it now owns for the benefit of all; democratically owned and operated for the good of a democratic people? That would be carrying out the pledge of Freedom From Want in fine style. Instead, the politicians will probably force the government to sell them to some palooka who will get us into World War III. Things will probably be just like always. Oh, yes, I forgot, we're to get freedom from fear, too. Maybe that means the government won't sell the factories after all, because I'm fearing too soon. After all, the workers can sell their bonds, can't they, and that will give them freedom from want, or will it?

T. C. Shaw.
Sandusky, Ohio.

Soldiers' Letters

Dear Mr. Gosser:

First of all I wish to express my sincere greetings and simply say, "a Happy New Year to you, Mr. Gosser, and to all my brothers and sisters of Local 12". Then I will join all of you in a fervent prayer that the coming year will really bring peace and joy and good will amongst men. In spite of all criticism, in spite of all faults and errors of our country, it is still the best in the world. We still enjoy the privilege of free speech—collective bargaining.

Mr. Gosser, I know that you too, in your capacity as a representative of CIO, have a battle on your hands. However, of what value is victory on land and sea if our home front is crushed by aggressive domestic factors. I am sure that the brothers and sisters of CIO appreciate your services. I regret that we do not have more leaders of your type. If we did have, I would feel secure that our labor cause never would be shaken.

Before my induction into the Army, somehow I had an idea that since soldiers write so much and so often—well, I thought they have a lot of time. That is not true, we are on the run always. But we utilize our time. We love to receive letters, therefore we must manage to write them.

Mr. Gosser, kindly extend my sincere thanks to the Welfare Committee. They are doing a wonderful job and the selection of items for the service men is ideal. I have received my first box one week before Xmas and believe me, it sure made me happy.

I started to write a short letter, but somehow I just rambled on. My apology for too lengthy a letter. I know that you are busy. I wanted to express myself in brief and concise manner. I guess I have failed. You need not reply for I know that your time will not permit it. I'll be thankful even if you find time to read it. All I wanted to say—"Happy New Year"—I am a member of a grand union—thanks for the gift box.

Sincerely yours,
Pvt. Melvin A. Zimkowski.
A.S.N. 35294045.
Btry C, 28th Btn., 7 Regt.
F.A.R.T.C.
Fort Sill, Okla.

On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain

WAR'S MEANING

The labor troubles in the railroad and steel industries are the meaning of this war in a nutshell. These disputes reflect the surface sores of the social sickness which caused Fascism, which caused this war. If this is not understood clearly, nothing about the war makes sense.

Clayton W. Fountain

To understand the meaning of these labor troubles, which is to understand the meaning of the war, it is necessary first to realize that we did not enter this war equipped with a perfect democracy capable of bestowing the bounties of justice on all citizens.

This is the point at which most critics of labor make their gravest error.

They assume that American democracy was perfect at the time of Pearl Harbor. Some of them go farther back than that, insisting that America was perfect at the time of Coolidge, or the time of Hoover.

EXHIBITS A AND B

The labor crises in railroads and steel are, in fact, Exhibits A and B of the imperfections from which American democracy still suffers. Worse yet, these disputes give evidence of the extent to which the causes of Fascism sprout in our soil.

Fascism grows out of social injustices. It is impossible truthfully to say that social injustices have been wiped out in America. We all know that they exist. The mistake most people make is to assume that America can stifle attempts to ease these injustices, in deference to the war effort.

American workers in railroads, steel and elsewhere, recognize the fact that Pearl Harbor did not abolish injustice in America. They know that, on the contrary, injustices have been amplified since the outbreak of the war.

PROFITS HAVE SOARED

The big bankers and industrialists and landlords have had a good thing of it in this war. They have fattened on government funds poured into their purses through war contracts. Their profits have soared to figures that they once knew only in their fondest dreams.

It would seem that these babies would be satisfied with the riches lavished upon them by the war.

But no! Not only are they not satisfied with the wads of wealth already bulging their bankrolls—they are moving heaven and hell to grab more.

They have blocked attempts to equitably re-negotiate war contracts so as to drain off excess profits for the common good. Through their clever dollar-a-year agents in the government, they are ham-stringing labor's efforts to obtain equitable settlements of wage disputes before public tribunals.

And at the same time they are spending millions, charged to the people as costs of war production, to prejudice the public against labor.

FASCIST TRENDS IN U. S.

These brazen endeavors of the rich to get richer—while their hired politicians and publicists swing the hatchet on organized labor—are proof that Pearl Harbor did not squash Fascist trends in America.

The first objective of Fascism in any country is to smash the labor unions. In Nazified Europe the Fascists succeeded; in America, they are still only trying, but hard.

Labor in America is almost single handedly battling those who would first bust the unions, then burn the books, and then bash in the heads of all opposition. We fight the same battle at home that the American troops fight at the front. The railroad and steel crises are basic to this battle.

That is why labor's home front fight for democratic justice is the meaning of this war in a nutshell.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B, UAW-CIO

WAR BOND RALLY

I want to urge all the members of Labor's Joint Political Committee to make every effort to get out a large crowd for the War Bond Rally and Victory Dance which will be held this Saturday evening at the Civic Auditorium.

Richard Gosser

No finer way could be found to show labor's unity, particularly in time of war, than by this joint sponsoring of the War Bond Rally at the time the next War Loan Drive gets under way. In a way, our efforts to promote the sale of bonds is the best possible answer that we can give to the "anonymous" warning from Washington on the strike situation and the war.

It doesn't make sense to see the workers buying war bonds at the urging of their unions and at the same time be doing what somebody in Washington says they are doing. On the one hand we hear that the workers have produced so much that the warehouses and storage spaces are unable to hold no more, and that we hav e more than enough supplies for ourselves and our allies for some time to come. To prove the point, industry already is being ordered to curtail production, particularly in the steel industry. On the other hand, somebody has said in Washington that if it were not for strikes, Germany would have collapsed, that the strikes are giving the enemy aid and comfort.

This is a lot of bunk and proves more than reaches the eye.

LABOR UNITY

If the vicious stories coming from Washington prove anything, they prove the need for labor unity, for they show that the enemies of labor are not going to let anything stop them in their efforts to destroy labor if it is at all possible for them to do so.

Because we know what has been done to labor in the past and what is even now being planned against it, we should welcome the opportunity to meet next Saturday night and combine pleasure with patriotism. We are doing what we can to advance the cause of labor unity in the political field, and unless we all get together and work this common front, we will all pay the penalty and when the time comes that our enemies get just a trifle more political control than they now have.

I urge all of you to make it a point to get out your free tickets to the Bond Rally and dance, and to come and bring your wives, your girl friends or whoever you want to bring. You will have a good time dancing and at the same time learn why labor unity is a necessity if we are going to continue to hold our place in the next few years.

Your cooperation will be aiding yourself, because after all, you are the union and when the union is set back you are set back with it.

Policy For 1944

By Melvin Schultz,
(President, Local 12, UAW-CIO)

From all indications, 1944 is going to be a critical year for labor.

Enemies of the workers are gathering their forces in Washington and many state capitols to seek more stringent restrictive laws upon labor.

Melvin Schultz

Every sign points to a concerted drive to clip labor's wings now before the war is ended.

Labor is not just a weak and defenseless group of people. It has the strength, not only to defeat those who seek to destroy it, but to take the initiative in extending its gains over a much wider field of social and economic legislation.

Because of its position, labor must unite this year on the political front with all those other groups whose economic interests are the same as labor's. It must unite with the farmers and express its will as it has never expressed it before.

POLITICAL PROGRAM

Our national CIO has a political program. We in Toledo have a political program which is in agreement with that of the national organization. We must continue our united political front with other labor organizations, and we expect to continue to strengthen the ties which we have made with other unions, the AFL and Railroad Unions in this city.

We realize that we have a great work of organization and education to carry out if we are to unite the workers of the country, and of this city and state to the point where they realize that the political and economic interests of all these worker groups are identical. We will meet this task with all the forces at our command, and we will not cease our efforts until the final day before the primaries and next November election.

Our people are beginning to awaken to the fact that this war is not going to continue indefinitely. Sooner or later the war will end and the people will discover that unless their political front is sound that they have been living in a paradise of their own imagination, which does not exist in fact. We must prepare now for the days which will come once this war is ended, and unless we do, we are going to find ourselves in a bad position on the economic front.

POLITICAL PROGRAM

Because we know the importance of politics to our economic welfare, because we have already experienced the results of a hostile Congress, we must prepare and make our political campaign one which will give us representatives who really represent our interests and not the interests of those who are not interested in social problems or the social welfare of the workers, but seek to perpetuate their own economic power and profits.

In the months which lie ahead of us, Local 12 will continue to give its fullest support and cooperation to Labor's Joint Committee for Political Action. It will continue to work in peace and harmony and solidarity for the political advancement of the worker We expect to take an increasingly more active part in the political campaign as it gets under way, and we hope to be able to succeed in the coming months in welding our people together in a strong and united group which sees and knows that the interests of all the workers is the same as the interest of the individual worker.

The support and backing of all union-minded workers is needed. Give it without stint in the months which lie ahead and we can and will succeed in the face of the doubters who still think labor cannot be united when it is able to secure full employment.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Child Photo Contest Set for Valentine

War Bonds To Be Awarded the Winners

A beautiful child photo contest was announced this week by the management of Loew's Valentine Theater in co-operation with the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL. War Bonds totaling $175 will be awarded the winners. Prizes of $100, $50 and $25 in War Bonds will be given the three children chosen.

Inspiration for the contest is adorable Margaret O'Brien, Hollywood child star whose new picture, "Lost Angel", comes to the screen of Loew's Valentine theatre beginning with a special war workers' "Midnite to Dawn" showing at midnight, January 12.

Rules of Contest

Rules of the child photo contest are as follows: When you purchase your ticket of admission to the Valentine theatre, ask the cashier for the entry coupons which will entitle you to have a FREE photo taken of your child by the Lee Righter Studios, 335 St. Clair St. These photos will be placed on display in the grand lobby of the theatre.

All patrons purchasing tickets to the theatre will be given the opportunity to vote for their favorite child.

Contestants must be between the ages of one and 8 years. All photos of the contestants will be returned to the parents after Jan. [illegible] the close of the contest.

Winners to Be Announced

The winners of the contest will be announced by the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL. The management will also notify the winners. Those wishing to enter their children in the contest are urged by the Valentine management to get their photographs in early. If parents or others already have a photo of their children or those they wish to enter in the contest, they may enter the photos without having another taken.

Entry coupons are now ready and may be obtained at Loew's Valentine theatre or at UNION JOURNAL office.

Inspires Photo Contest

Margaret O'Brien, talented child star of "Lost Angel," coming soon to the Valentine Theatre, is the inspiration for the child photo contest sponsored jointly by the Valentine and the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL.

Cheerful Earful

Cobina Wright Jr. Beaudette's young son was born same day the telephone of a friend rang and a cheerful voice announced, "This is Cobina. Have you heard about my baby? It arrived this morning!" And that wasn't the only call placed by the enthusiastic young mother. You might quote that to the next biddy who says our generation is soft, and starts to give you that rugged grandmother routine.

One of Hollywood's Ladies Coming Soon In 'Madame Curie'

Greer Garson, one of Hollywood's "first ladies" will soon appear as Madame Curie in the film portrayal of the famous woman scientist. The new M-G-M picture is based on Madame Curie's biography written by her daughter, Eve, and was adapted for the screen by Paul Osborn and Paul H. Rameau. Walter Pidgeon will play opposite Miss Garson and Mervyn LeRoy will direct.

In a recent interview the red-headed star, whose smash hits "Random Harvest" and "Mrs. Miniver" catapulted her into fame, said that the role of Madame Curie is the most difficult she has ever played.

"During its production," she explained, "it was necessary to learn how to handle test tubes and other apparatus belonging to the equipment of a physicist. While I remembered something about laboratories from my physics classes in school, the expert knowledge of a Madame Curie was quite out of my sphere. It takes years for a real scientist to perfect his technique, I discovered. I had to master it in a few months.

Became Bunson Vet

"So Dr. R. M. Langer, physicist of the California Institute of Technology, was brought on the set as technical director; thanks to him I became a veteran with test tubes and Bunson burners before the picture was completed."

Discussing her climb to success on the screen, since her arrival here from England in 1939, the actress said she frequently has to pinch herself to discover whether it is really she to whom these Cinderella episodes have happened.

"I came so close to having the screen pass me up altogether," she declared, "that I shall never feel entirely complacent about my place in the Hollywood sun, no matter how bright the future may seem."

Did Research Work

It was, relatively, only a few years ago that Miss Garson was doing market research for a London advertising agency. While she dreamed of becoming an actress some day, she never thought it would happen so soon.

"My prospects were so remote at that time," she said, "they were fantastic. While I had the burning desire to go on the stage, I was realist enough to know that many other girls were consumed by the same fierce ambition. How was I, I asked myself, without theatrical background, experience, money or influence to achieve my goal?

"I did have the advantage of an excellent education, however. I had graduated with honors from the University of London and the University of Grenoble in France. The advertising agency job which opened soon after I returned to London from France gave me a chance to pay some of my debts and proved interesting as a brief interlude in the field of business.

This Week at Esquire Theater

Join heavenly Hedy and romantic Jimmy in the exciting story of a beauty who had 24 hours to get married . . . and wanted to remain an unkissed bride! Hedy Lamarr and James Stewart in return request engagement of MGM "Come Live With Me."

Life of a Top Director

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Compiled by Burny Zawodny

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Wesley Ruggles, a Keystone cop who made good in a big way, is a champion of the stagger system, both behind studio gates and in his own Malibu Beach bailiwick. The quiet-mannered, Los Angeles-born director, whose newest film is "See Here, Private Hargrove," is a strong advocate of the principle of crop rotation. He applies it both at home and at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

When he has finished a new comedy, Mr. Ruggles institutes an intensive search for a drama, the sterner its fiber the better; completion of a heavily weighted dramatic yarn, on the other hand, sends him scurrying about, on the rebound, for something light and brittle. After doing a "Roar of the Dragon" he is almost certain to pop up with a "Bolero," and a "Monkey's Paw" will inevitably be lodged on his chronological calendar next a "College Humor' or a "Shoot the Works."

The obvious question to put to such an inveterate shot-mixer is the one about the relative difficulty of directing a comedy and a drama. Mr. Ruggles, who can balance every "Cimarron" or "Arizona" on his slate with an "I Met Him in Paris" or a "Too Many Husbands," is very sure of the answer. Comedy is harder, but often a lot more fun. A comedy job, he feels, is an especially chameleonish and jittery assignment when vagaries of weather, illness and set economy make it necessary to juggle around sequences of a story and shoot much of it in reverse order, getting the cast to huff like Mr. Disney's wolf and do the crescendo comedy climaxes the first or second day on the set.

Last Scenes First

"See Here, Private Hargrove," adaptation of the best seller of the same name, is a case in point. Many of the closing scenes of "See Here, Private Hargrove" were shot first, because of many absentees, the first scenes during thee final week of production. Mr. Ruggles, who relinquished his thespian ambitions to his brother Charles and his Keystone nightstick to Mack Sennett, to nourish his directorial hopes in the early '20's, came away from "Private Hargrove" with an unswerving conviction that Robert Walker—Sailor Purckett of "Bataan"—is the most versatile up-and-coming leading man in Hollywood.

Last winter, after directing a light comedy, "Slightly Dangerous," starring Lana Turner, Mr. Ruggles hungrily rushed out, wishing to sink his teeth in a gory drama. None being available at the moment, he let loose his urge for violence upon himself, and permitted himself to be sped east to the Johns Hopkins Medical Center for a razzle-dazzle ten-day overhauling. The doctors, on conclusion of the melee, told him there was nothing wrong except a pronounced case of Hollywood nerves, which he would have to cure on his own. Mr. Ruggles' self-pronounced prescription, since his return, has he spends amid his peas, beans been to double the amount of time and begonias.

Climate Too Dull

After his New York visit, Ruggles unburdened himself of a mild bit of heresy by admitting that the languor and monotony of the Los Angeles climate were beginning occasionally to disturb him. As a native son, he felt he had been there a bit too long and he was eager to play truant more frequently in future.

"It's fun to wear a hat again," he explained. "In New York I wore one for the first time in five years. It does you good once in a while to spruce up and to go to a party, or a club where somebody doesn't buttonhole you the first two minutes and fire away with a gatling gun until you've made an appointment about a story or an acting part. The only way to escape Hollywood is to find a gin-rummy partner and a remote corner immediately on arrival at your host's house, and stick there."

At The Age of 21

Until Dolores Moran's 21, she's sworn off night clubs, substitutes studying and canteening. Was electrified at Garfield's card tricks, conjured up for his new role.

Best News of This Week

Bette Davis, thinner, quieter, but obviously enjoying her work, has told everyone in the studio how delighted she is that Claude Rains was given the role of Mr. Skeffington. Paul Henreid was originally set, but refused to do it because he felt that he wasn't right for the part. Finally the part came back to Rains, who was on the Warner lot under contract, a fact that Bette had pointed out repeatedly.

Gowned in one of the frilly dresses of the period, Bette was chatting with a set visitor between takes. Something about a magazine article entered the conversation, and Bette said naturally, "Farney was such a lot of fun when I was working on that. He and the writer and I spent a lot of time together. He kidded the life out of both of us." Her tone was entirely natural. Once again, as she has before, Bette appears to have accepted a major event of her life with a courage which has extracted the sweetness from memory and left all bitterness to those of smaller heart and narrower vision.

Upsy Daisy!

Sunny haired Jane Hale is wearing the Can-Can costume in which she made her screen debut in "Broadway Rhythm." Jane was a dancer at the age of six, retired for school, became assistant dance director at MGM, then the movie cameras spotted her.

Ten Thousand Questions

Rarely does a studio research department receive the credit it has coming. Its scholarly workmen labor long and patiently in almost complete obscurity. No one ever expresses the slightest surprise or admiration when an erudite research expert almost instantly provides an answer to the most obscure question with all the assurance of an Information Please sage or a Quiz Kid prodigy. That is merely expected of him.

Research is a first step in the making of any motion picture, immediately it is definitely planned for production, usually many months before a camera turns. A studio has some thirty-five departments. The research worker assigned to a film must be prepared far in advance to furnish detailed information to the producer, the director, the stars, the costume designers, the property men and the set designers to mention a few. Thousands of questions will be asked. The replies must be comprehensive and factual.

HOLLYWOOD LOT

By TED TAYLOR

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 3 (FP)—Raw facts of this war have to be told and the Army and Navy have the films that can do it. War workers have to realize thatthey are pitted, man for man and woman for woman, agains the workers and machines of Nazi Europe and Japan. We have to look on casualties in the making and be steeled for Tarawas on a continental scale.

Labor leaders and such government men as Director Elmer Davis of the OWI are for giving the facts, no matter how brutal. Military authorities also seem inclined to let the public see films that will jolt it out of any complacency.

War Department Report, a film now ready for factory and theatre showings in 300 cities, is the general staff's official report to American war workers. It combines captured enemy film with footage shot by our own service cameramen, and shows that fighting men are at the other end of the moving conveyor belt that starts in the war plants at home.

It shows the enemy's resources in materials, machines and men. It explains by maps and animated diagrams our tremendous problems of logistics—production line to battle line transmission—and suggests how long and costly the war can be.

Labor Wanted It

War Department Report is a result of a War Department conference in September when labor and industry leaders said the rank and file should be given the facts that had just been placed before them. Movies are normally no affair of the radio industry. But it is noteworthy that the Natl. Assn. of Broadcasters is urging every radio station in the country to arrange local showings of War Department Report as a public service.

Invasion Preview. The most realistic war scenes yet given the public were the newsreel shots of the bloody battle of Tarawa. But even these scenes had their grimmest portions eliminated.

It is reported from Washington that the navy's full official film of the battle of Tarawa may be placed before the public to correct its soft view of the war, and to prepare us for the casualties of European invasion.

Willkie's Book for Films

One World Waxed. The scenario based on Wendell L. Willkie's One World is being completely recorded for Darryl Zanuc by a radio producer before the 20th Century-Fox producer determines the final form of filming. This is the technique tried out on the Woodrow Wilson film.

Inside Glamour. Interviewers appraise Hollywood's great for something more than looks or genius. Ann Sheridan and Bob Hope won the golden apples for 1943 as the most cooperative stars the Hollywood Women's Press Club know. Voted least cooperative: Joan Fontaine and Errol Flynn.

Kremlin Gremlins. Leon Schlesinger, who makes Warner cartoons, is trying a Russian theme. His Russian Rhapsody has "gremlins from the Kremlin" who give Hitler a workout.

Disney Too. Walt Disney has also discovered Russia. He has put out a Russian version of Der Fuehrer's Face, and is having Russian lyrics and narration prepared for Bambi Snow White and Saludos Amigos

Meatless Day for Mickey

That Rooney Boy, first name Mickey, says there's something fishy about meatless days. Mickey does some cutting [illegible]ning of "Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble." Never a dull moment.

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Third Prize ..... 25.00 War Bond

This contest was inspired by that adorable M-G-M Child Star, Margaret O'Brien, who appears in "Lost Angel," beginning Wednesday Midnight, Jan. 12th.

Rules Of The Contest
1. Any child from 1 to 8 is eligible.
2. Get your coupon to have a free photo taken of your child by the Lee Righter Studio—335 St. Clair Street at the box office of the Valentine Theatre immediately.
3. If you already have a photo bring it to the Valentine Theatre and it will be returned after the contest closes.
4. All photos will be placed on display in our grand lobby and patrons will be given the opportunity to vote for their favorite child photo.
HURRY!
First photos submitted will be on display longer and receive more votes—bring your photos in today.

SPORTS

Local 12 Tournament Slated For Bowl-O-Drome

By Ed Mandy

First annual Local 12 handicap tournament will be held at the Collingwood Bowl-O-Drome Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 28, 29 and 30. Bowling schedules have been arranged to enable all war workers the opportunity to arrange their bowling.

Entry fees for the tourney will be $7.50 per team plus $5.00 per team for bowling. All entry money will go into prize fund. It is the hope of the committee to solicit special prize monies from their respective factories to make this tourney have one of the best prize lists any Toledo tournament ever had, considering the small entry fee.

Every effort is being made to insure the success of the Annual Classic and offer a big prize list.

There will be two team champions decided on: First, actual pinfall, team getting the most pins. Second, the team with the highest plus over scratch.

Scratch will be 2800, any team averaging below that will be given 75% of the difference was handicap. No team is eligible for more than one prize except for the special prizes their employers donate.

Starting Times

Squads will begin bowling at the following hours: Friday, 6:30, 9:00 and 11:00 p. m.; Saturday, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00 and 11:00 p. m. Sunday, 11:00 a. m., 1:30, 4:00, 630, 9:00 and 11:00 p. m.

Rules for Bowling

Bowlers will be permitted to roll with their regular team, using the average from the league from which they enter. A bowler may also roll with a team from another league, provided they are a bona fide member of the team with no more than two of the same bowlers rolling together on each team.

Any bowler using an average lower than his correct official average, forfeits all prize money for the team his score is entered in. Errors will be corrected at the discretion of the tournament committee or the bowling director.

All members of Local 12, UAW-CIO, are eligible to enter the tourment regardless of whether they bowl in any league of any Unit provided their average can be substantiated.

Entry blanks may be obtained from Unit Chairmen, members of the tournament comittee or Ed Mandy and will be ready early next month.

Leagues which have no representation on the tournament committee should appoint a member to the committee. All league officers are invited to send in their names.

For further information call or write Ed Mandy, 425 Winthrop St., c/o Local 12, UAW-CIO.

Commutator Moves Up In Standard League

By Ed Mandy

Standard Commutator is on the move in the Standard League. They won three from the Toledo Pressed Steel boys to crowd themselves into first place by one game margin over National Supply.

In the meantime, National Supply, the league leaders over the holidays, dropped the first two games to the A. C. Klopping boys to slip down a notch behind the leading Commutator club.

The DeVilbiss team is being consoled by other members of the league after they dropped three to Gordon Bumper. After all, they can't finish lower than eighth place.

Bingham Stamping did all right, taking two from Mather Spring to strengthen their hold on third place.

High individual scorer was Cap Weckwert, who just issed the select 600 group by two pins. Followed by Ollie Wisniewski, who shot a big 244 in the middle game to score a 596 total.

National Supply	827	774	799
A. C. Klopping Co.	862	792	782
Bingham Stamping	733	892	783
Mather Spring	792	786	752
Toledo Pressed Steel	635	779	664
Standard Commutator	823	833	831
DeVilbiss Mfg.	634	696	736
Gordon Bumper	790	740	765

Cap Weckwert, 211; Casp Amborski, 210; Ollie Wisniewski, 244.

Local 12 All-Stars

The Willys-Overland bunch was really in the groove last night, shooting a record total of 2952, a new high, beating their own previous high of 2937. Naturally these scores were good for three games over Surface Combustion. Charles (640) Urbanski and Leo (615) Strugarek were the big guns in this attack, with Joe Kurdys just missing the select group with 597.

The Champion Club slipped considerably the last couple of weeks, dropping two again to Acklin Stamping, who took these wins gracefully with just mediocre scores.

National Supply creeped to within one game of third place by taking the measure of DeVilbiss for three games. Larry LeFevre was high in this set-up with his 575.

Kent-Owens surpassed the tough Spicer outfit by copping the first game, but got over the shock and ran away with the next two. I've said this before and say it again—this Kent-Owens outfit knocks off the better teams and loses to the weaker ones. How come, boys?

Surface Combustion	818	789	876
Willys-Overland	937	1012	1003
Kent-Owens	889	796	799
Spicer Manufacturing	848	876	887
Acklin Stamping	775	827	896
Champ. Spark Plug	736	845	833
National Supply	910	849	907
DeVilbiss	778	751	686

J. Zawodny, 216; F. McCrosky, 214; Jack Lisher, 219; John Klofta, 214; Al Krall, 222; Gus Vossberg, 202; John Brug, 200; Del Bordner, 213; Leo Strugarek, 226; Charles Urbanski, 257; Joe Kurdys, 204; Cap Piojda, 211; Van Meyer, 210; Walter Stuk, 209; Larry Lefever, 226.

Bowlers' Clinic

Courtesy of The ABC

The No. 8 pin shown in chart 7 should be bowled at from your strike ball starting spot, for if the ball rolls between the 1 and 3 pin spots, it will without question bowl over the 8 pin.

The No. 9 pin must be rolled at from comparatively the same starting spot used in shooting at the 6 pin.

Making the Ten Pin

Chart No. 9 shows the 10 pin leave which in the mind of the average bowler presents probably the greatest bugaboo in the game. This pin is left up oftener than any other single pin when the ball is rolled into or comparatively near the 1-3 pocket. Leaving the 10 pin up on an apparently good hit or a hit that at least appears good to the bowler, causes a psychological reaction which upsets many bowlers because they feel they should have had a strike. Then, when bowling at the spare, this reaction generally causes the bowler to hurry the spare shot or bowl at the 10 pin unnaturally and as a result it is too often missed. Then, too, the pin can only be made by either hitting it full or on the left-hand side; very few number 10 pins, indeed, being knocked down on the right-hand side just as the ball falls into the gutter. No one, regardless as to the type of delivery he employs, should attempt to make this pin by rolling down the right-hand edge, for he has too small a mark to bowl at, the center of the pin being only three inches from the right-hand edge of the alley. In every instance whether a man bowls a straight ball, a back-up or a hook, he must invariably move to the left of the right-hand corner in order to make this spare consistently. The distance he chooses from the right-hand corner for his starting spot depends entirely upon the type of ball he rolls. The ball must, however, be rolled naturally and not hurriedly.

"Cherry Picks"

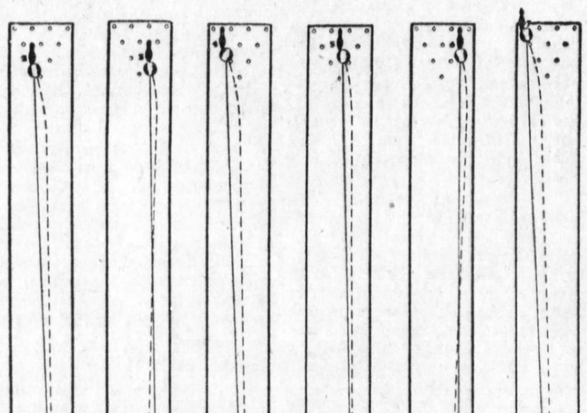
In chart No. 10 we show the 6-10 leave which should be bowled at in the same manner as that used in bowling at the 10 pin alone, for if a bowler loafs and just drifts his ball at this set-up, he is apt to have the ball strike the left-hand side of the 6 pin so thin as to just topple it into the gutter without touching the 10 or have it go to the kickback and around the 10 pin, and if the 6 pin is hit full a "cherry pick" will result by picking the 6 clean off the 10. The only safe way to be sure of making this spare is to have the ball roll full into the 10 pin.

In chart No. 11, the 5-8 is a leave that should be easily converted into a spare. This set-up should be bowled at from the very spot used in starting your strike ball and can be converted into a spare in either of the two ways shown.

The 5-9 leave shown in chart 12 can be quite easily missed three ways; by either striking the 5 pin too lightly on the left-hand side, by missing the 5 entirely or by picking the 5 off the 9 which is done quite often by both straight and hook balls. It is best made by starting your ball to the left of your strike spot, striking it approximately where the finish of the hook ball is shown. Converting the 5-9 leave into a spare is most often brought about by moving a trifle to the left and so closing the opening between the pins, because a sharp-breaking hook coming in at too wide an angle from the right very often chops off the 5 and leaves the 9 standing.

The 4-7 set-up in chart No. 13 can be bowled at as shown, although this spare can, of course, be made sure by having the ball strike the 4 pin and having the 4 carry into the 7. By bowling at it as shown one is apt to miss the 4 and so fail to spare. This spare is rolled at from comparatively near your strike spot, although many quite proficient bowlers start the ball just a trifle to the left of their strike spot when bowling at this leave. Here again the angle must be changed from that used in bowling the first ball.

Alley Chart



Penny Saved Is Not Lost

COLUMBUS, Jan. 3.—With the coming of each new year comes the annual batch of questions about what becomes of the unused funds of the Ohio Division of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Letters coming to the Division of Conservation reveal that still there are many persons who do not realize that the money collected from hunting and fishing licenses is now earmarked for exclusive use of the Division of Conservation and Natural Resources. No funds revert to the general revenue fund of the state when not used during a single year—they just go back into the Conservation Division fund to be used at a future date.

In other words, economies effected prior to the war has meant a "nest egg" which can be drawn upon during the war period as licenses sales fall off or which can be used in post-war expansion as needs be, Conservation Division officials point out.

On the other hand it should be pointed out, they say, that no funds from the general revenue fund of the state are used in the operation of the division, except in the case of the Inland Lakes and Parks Section, which gets all its funds from the general revenue fund and returns a substantial amount from licenses and rentals back to the general revenue fund.

Bowles Answers OPA-Baiters With Records

WASHINGTON — (FP) — OPA head Chester Bowles Dec. 30 cited his agency's court record as the clearest reply to Smith committee charges that OPA has trampled on the rights of citizens.

The record was included in a 20,000 word statement Bowles filed with the committee's administration-baiting chairman, Howard W. Smith (D. Va.).

In a report Nov. 15 the committee, which has a blank check assignment to investigate executive agencies, accused OPA of issuing "illegal, absurd, useless and conflicting" regulations, using its powers to "sentence citizens of the United States to starvation," and blocking legal redress in the courts.

Of 4991 OPA price, rent and rationing cases decided through Sept. 1943, Bowles disclosed, the government won 94%. Defendants prevailed in only 291 cases.

To Smith's complaint that OPA was working undue hardship on businessmen, Bowles cited statistics business failures at the lowest level in 50 years, corporate profits after all federal taxes at 150% of the 1936-39 average, and a marked increase in profits and the proportion of sales going to small retail business.

Found---An Honest Person

BALDWIN, Jan. 4 — If all sportsmen were as conscientious as a Sparta woman, who wrote to the district conservation officer here to report a mistake in counting the number of fish in a limit catch, conservation officers would have little trouble with violators.

Prompted by a guilty conscience, the woman sent a dollar bill explaining that she had gone fishing with her husband and young son last summer and that they had caught their limit of 75 fish for three persons. Upon reaching the car, when through fishing, however, they discovered that they had miscounted and really had 76 fish.

Because the violation was so slight and was unintentional, conservation officials returned the money.

R. J. Thomas Joins Co-op

DETROIT, Jan. 4. — R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO, largest labor union in the world, joined in celebration of the Cooperative Centennial on January 3rd, by becoming a member of the East Side Cooperative, 11432 Chalmers, Detroit, Michigan.

The cooperative movement enters its second century of progress in 1944, and is celebrating its centennial all over the world.

"We of the UAW-CIO recognize the consumer cooperative movement as a powerful force for the building of genuine economic democracy, not only in America but all around the world," Thomas said.

Pledges Full Support

Pledging the full support of the UAW-CIO to the expansion of existing cooperatives and the founding of new ones in the coming year Thomas declared that consumer cooperation is a living answer to those who say that people can only prosper through dog-eat-dog tactics of economic competition.

"It is the policy of our union, by convention action," Thomas pointed out, "to encourage and aid in the formation of cooperatives. We have passed such a resolution, but we are not going to stop there. The Consumers Division of the UAW-CIO, in conjunction with our Educational Department, is going to actively engage in the work of building the cooperative movement.

"In the coming year we are going to work closely with the Cooperative League in bringing our union membership into the cooperative movement. This work will be done on a geographical basis, with members of our staff assigned to coordinate educational and promotional activities stressing cooperative action."

Offer Sound Solution

"I am convinced," Thomas stated, "that the consumer cooperatives offer a sound economic solution to many of the social problems which have subjected people to poverty amid potential plenty, and which have had much to do with the rise of Fascist militarism.

"By achieving people's ownership of stores, oil refineries, factories and other such means of production and distribution, the co-ops have worked out a pattern of economic democracy which promises to serve the common people well in their battle with big business monopolies.

"Our Consumer Division, directed by Vice President Walter P. Reuther, is going to do its best to make consumer cooperation a real factor in American economic life.

"I urge all UAW-CIO leaders and members to join in the work we are doing to build up the strength of the consumer cooperatives in America," Thomas said in conclusion.

Beak Tells Bird's Age

EAST LANSING, Jan. 4—Holding a pheasant up by the lower part of the bill is a quick and easy way to tell the age of the dead bird, according to biologists at the conservation department's Rose Lake wildlife experiment station. If it's a young cock the beak will break, because the cartilage has not hardened enough to support the bird's weight, but if it is an old bird, the beak will not break when the pheasant is held in such a position.

The strength of the lower part of the beak, determined by this method of testing, has been found to be an accurate indicator in most cases.

Los Angeles Labor To Meet Army On Manpower

LOS ANGELES—(FP) — High ranking army officers will meet with leaders of AFL, CIO and independent unions at a 2-day conference here Jan. 7 and 8 in an attempt to iron out the local complicated manpower situation.

Labor here has long been alarmed over the high rate of turnover in some aircraft plants, especially in the Douglass Aircraft Corp.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Allied Chiefs Map Invasion Strategy As Axis Staggers From Heavy Blows; American Troops Tighten Jap Noose By Occupation of New Britain Island

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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SCHARNHORST HERO—Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser (at extreme right) walks deck of English flagship with Britain's First Sea Lord A. V. Alexander (left) and U. S. Admiral H. R Stark before his home fleet sunk Germany's 26,000-ton battleship Scharnhorst.

LABOR:
U. S. Runs Rails

Railroads fell into government hands as President Roosevelt moved quickly to avert strikes which threatened to tie U. S. freight and passenger transportation into a knot, and return to private ownership was promised after passage of the emergency.

FDR acted when the brotherhoods of conductors, switchmen and firemen and enginemen refused his offer to arbitrate their dispute even though two other brotherhoods, the trainmen and engineers, accepted the proposal and were awarded a nine cents an hour wage increase and a one-week vacation with pay.

Also accepting FDR's arbitration offer at the zero hour were 15 non-operating unions representing 1,100,000 workers, who agreed to the government's recent wage increase from 10 cents an hour to the lowest paid to 4 cents an hour to the highest paid, but also asked for overtime beyond 40 hours.

Steel Workers Back

Answering an appeal of President Roosevelt, 170,000 striking steel workers trooped back to the nation's mills after a three-day walkout, in protest over the War Labor Board's refusal to promise payment of new wage raises back to the date the old contracts expried.

In appealing to the CIO's United Steel Workers of America, FDR did so on the understanding that any new pay boosts would date back to the time the old pacts ended. If any such back payments chewed into steel company finances FDR promised price revisions.

The steel workers demanded a 17 cents an hour raise over the present 78 cents an hour rate. If granted, the increase would crack the War Baor Board's "Little Steel" formula, limiting pay boosts to 15 per cent over the January, 1941, levels.

AGRICULTURE:
CCC Spends More

Fulfilling commitments to farmers to support higher prices of crops and livestock products, the Commodity Credit Corporation increased its loans and purchases to 3½ billion dollars for the fiscal year 1943.

In addition to stimulating production, CCC said its expenditures assisted OPA in maintaining price ceilings, particularly for vegetable oils, dairy products, poultry products and meats.

Prices principally were supported by loans to farmers on commodities stored against civilian and military requirements, and by lend-lease purchases. Of 2 billion, 700 million dollars worth of commodities CCC bought, about 1½ billion dollars were for lend-lease account.

Beans and Peas

Despite record production of beans and peas in 1943, U. S. civilians will receive a per capita supply in 1944 equal to the average for 1935-39.

Of the 23,000,000 bags of beans and 6,800,000 bags of peas which will be available in 1944, U. S. military services will get 3,441,000 bags of beans and 300,000 bags of peas.

U. S. Allies, liberated areas and U. S. territories will receive 7,085,000 bags of beans and 3,512,000 bags of peas, with Russia's share approximating 3,024,000 bags of beans and 723,000 bags of peas, and Great Britain's 872,000 bags of beans and 509,700 bags of peas.

INVASION:
Eisenhower Chief

"We will win the European war in 1944."

With these words Gen. Wwight D. Eisenhower assumed command of the Allied forces for the invasion of the western gate of Hitler's Fortress Europe.

Gen. Eisenhower

As Eisenhower went to work in preparation for the knock-out blow he was assisted by a staff which associated him in driving Axis from North Africa and Sicily and in invading Italy.

Marshal Tedder

As his deputy, General Eisenhower has British Air Chief Marshal Arthur Tedder. To U. S. Lieut. Gen. Carl Spaatz has gone the task of strategic bombing of Nazi supply and communications centers. And in charge of British ground forces is tough, swaggering Gen. Bernard Montgomery.

In the nation's capital, Senator Edwin Johnson (Colo.) said he was informed U. S. troops will make up 73 per cent of the invasion forces.

Naval Action

Naval action featured the war in Europe, with Germany's 26,000-ton battleship, the Scharnhorst, going to the bottom off the North Cape of Norway under the heavy salvo of Britain's home fleet commanded by Adm. Sir Bruce A. Fraser.

Fighting in rain and mud, U. S. and British troops continued to punch holes in the Nazis' winter line in southern Italy, but advances were slow against a fanatical enemy battling to the last, and covering his withdrawals with sheets of blazing fire from flame throwers.

The Scharnhorst sailed from her hiding place in one of Norway's vaulting fjords to prey on an Allied convoy bound for Russia and was surprised by the British fleet. While His Majesty's cruisers shadowed the Scharnhorst from one side, the 35,000-ton Duke of York and other units moved up from the other. Caught between two fires, the big German battle-wagon was finished off by the British cruiser Jamaica.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:
Vise Closes

While the Tokyo radio bleated that Japan's No. I South Pacific base of Rabaul must be held at all costs, U. S. troops tightened their foothold of the western end of New Britain island on which it stands.

With Allied forces already ringing Rabaul in by occupation of central New Guinea to the west and the Solomons to the east, the noose was drawn still tighter by actual landings of New Britain itself, first by the U. S. Sixth Army at Arawe and second by U. S. Marines on Cape Gloucester.

Long a feeder point for Jap positions on New Guinea and the Solomons, U S. occupation of the north and south shores of the western end of New Britain tended to cripple the elaborate barge routes which the enemy set up to shuttle supplies to their embattled troops.

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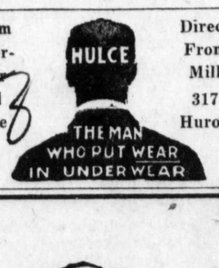

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